Bill Clinton's Nemesis, Or Rancorous Remains Of an Old Friendship

By Laura Blumenfeld

Washington Pau Service

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — He winds through the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains, aims and fires, verbal buckshot intended for a man long gode from these parts. Past the creeks and the hog shacks and Ozark Annie's. Gift Shop, Cliff Jackson riddles a man he once called friend:

Deceit, manipulation, exploitation, Mr. Jackson says, his claracterization of Bill Clinton's approach to people. His eyes never bug, his worce never wobbles. He speaks with the confidence of someone with no doubts.

For years he has been trying to spread the word. During the presidential campaign, he tipped off reporters about Mr. Clinton's draft record. Last week, he produced Arkansas state. troopers to declare that the president was unfaithful and tried to bribe people to keep quiet.

Joking about his sudden prominence, Mr. -Jackson says, "People wonder, Who is this

Like Mr. Clinton, Mr. Jackson was a poor, smart boy from southwestern Arkansas. Both were born in 1946, won fellowships to Oxford, attended good law schools and then came home. to Little Rock. They were politically ambitious. But Mr. Jackson lacked the luster, the back-

it radiance that assures public success. While Mr. Clinton was smooth and oitigoing. Mr. Jackson was a quirky loner. If Mr. Clinton was velvet, Mr. Jackson was Velcro.

In 1976, they both ran for office in Arkanses.

Mr. Clinton won easily in a statewide contest.

Mr. Jackson — a Republican who ran as an independent — lost in a county race and retreated from politics.

Clinton people say that "deceit, manipula-tion and exploitation" apply more aptly to Mr. Jackson than to the president. "Cliff is like a pimple that keeps coming back," says Betsey. Wright, a close Clinton aide from Little Rock. "He is so hungry for fame that he is obsessed with making it at Bill Clinton's expense." Mr. Jackson says he's spurred by love for my country," that he is not carrying on a

vendetta but exposing the abuse of power; But anyone who has been to high school will recognize the story of Bill and Cliff. At Oxford, where they met 25 years ago, they were similarly bright and driven. One accomplished his highest goals. The other watched, sunnering. They were the only two Arkansans in a strange land. Oxford, September 1968, and two boys who grew up 20 miles apart — Bill in Hot Springs, Cliff in Antioch — met in England. Mr. Clinton was a Rhodes scholar, Mr. Jackson

was there on a Fulbright.

The friendship was casual, although Mr.

Jackson recalls details with remarkable clarity. The pair visited each other's rooms, played basketball on the same B-league team—Cliff a center, Bill a forward—and won the championship with a 17-6 season record. Mr. Jackson remembers a game of shooting baskets they played against each other. The match went on losever with one point to go, then Bill sank "a side shot from out a ways and I finally lost."

They also turned up at the same parties. And after a couple of months Mr. Jackson began to think that Mr. Clinton's glad-handing was "phony plastic."
"I'd never seen anyone so obsessed with

power," he says. "I was fiercely competitive; he was the first guy who was more competitive than me."

He percuived Mr. Clinton's gregariousness as political zeal; "I knew at Oxford Bill would be

A mutual friend at Oxford, a Rhodes scholar named Jim Wangh, says that Mr. Jackson was really the more ambitious of the pair. He says that Mr. Jackson's endless monologues on his feelings toward Mr. Clinton can be summed up in a word — "jealousy."

"When Bill was in the room he was the center

of attention. Bill went out of his way to include ople," Mr. Waugh says. "Cliff was a maverick, a sort of scratchy, prickly person. He just didn't have the acumen Bill had to make people

While-Mr, Jackson says that Mr. Clinton was a shameless womanizer, Mr. Wangh says, "Of all my friends at Oxford, Chiff was the most obsessed by sex."

In the summer of 1969, Mr. Jackson's vague distante for Mr. Chinton jelled. He wrote to a friend about Bill Choton in a letter dated Aug. 27. 1969: 'His syrupy sweet cultivation of friendships, and tendencies... to speak in the superlative about everyone and everything rather grates on my nerves.'

Mr. Jackson, then a Republican with connections of the superlative and superlative and everything the superlative and the su

tions, says he had helped pull strings to kill Mr. Clinton's draft notice. Mr. Jackson himself had a 1-Y. desembent from a "friendly doctor" for medical reasons. He suffered from allergies and

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An IRA Killing Blackens Hopes for a Quick Peace

By William E. Schmidt :::

LONDON - An Irish Republican Army sniper on Thursday shot to death a British soldier on pairol in Northern Ireland, raising doubts whether the leadership of the IRA was giving any consideration to a two-week-old British-Irish minitive aimmed at bringing peace

to the province.
The killing, which the IRA publically acknowledged, was the first in the province since Britain and Ireland launched their peace bld Dec. 15, challenging Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, to forswear terror and violence in lavor of seat at peace talks on the future of

Northern Ireland. It came a day after the IRA issued its annual New Year's message, signaling that it wanted peace but was not yet prepared to give up its 25year-long armed campaign to drive the British out of the province and remote Ireland. But in their statement Wednesday, the group did not outright reject the peace initiative, suggesting instead Britain would have to give more if it wanted to bring an end to violence in Northern

The soldier was killed by a single super's bullet while on foot pairol in the village of Crossmaglen, along the border with the hish-Republic, it was the fifth attack on British. soldiers and security personnel in the province since the IRA ended its annual 72-hour Christmas cease-fire Monday. On Wednesday night, a soldier was slightly wounded when a mortar-was fired on a British patrol in Belfast.

Coming in the days after the during a period which British and Jush leaders have

described as a historic window of opportunity

for peace, the killing provoked varying expres-sions of outrage and despair. Sions of outrage and despair.

To murder when peace is being explored is cynical and offensive to everyone, and can only add to speculation that consideration of peace is not being taken seriously by the IRA, said Scamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, which claims the largest number of adherents among the mostly Catholic republican community in Northern Ireland.

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But while Sir John Wheeler, Britain's senior official in Northern Ireland, called the billing a "wicked crime," he held out hope the IRA might still come around. "In these lost days of 1993, after so much death and terror, is the Provisional IRA really going to continue to kick peace in the teeth?" he asked. "It is still not the best of mich. too late to make 1994 the year of peace."

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Others feared the killing would only increase resistance and suspicion of the peace infitiative among members of the mostly Protestant Unionist community, who make up the majority of the people in Northern Ireland and support the continuation of the province's instone links with Britain.

In the two weeks since Prime Ministers John Major of Britain and Albert Reynolds of Ireland challenged the IRA to take up their so-called "framework for peace," republican mil-tants in the province have stopped short of an outright rejection of their instinctive, suggesting instead they are still multing it over.

Both Dublin and London say the framework, as it now stands, is nonnegotiable, and the next step is for the IRA to call a cease-fire and See ULSTER, Page 5

Bonn Charges 4 Rightists In Arson Deaths of Turks

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service BERLIN - Four ultrarightist youths were charged Thursday with murder in the arson deaths of five Turks last May in the West German town of Solingen, the federal prosecutor's office amounced.

The charges capped a seven-month investiga-tion into the attack, which claimed more vic-tims than any other act of xenophobic violence since German reunification in 1990.

The murders triggered several days of noting by members of Germany's large Turkish population and prompted international demands that Bonn crack down harder on far-right ter-

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In keeping with German judicial procedures, the accused were identified only as two juveniles, both aged 16, and two older defendants, Markus G., 24, and Christian B., 20. All four have been in police custody for seven months.

The indictment sets the stage for a trial in

Dusseldorf, probably early next year. Manfred Hofmann, a spokesman for the prosecutor's office, said in a telephone interview that the delay in bringing charges was to custife that the "investigation was carried out

thoroughly and carefully." The defendants were charged with 5 counts of murder, 14 counts of anempted murder and aggravated arson.

According to a statement from the proceenfor's office, three of the defendants were involved in a brawl on the night of May 29 at a Solingen pub with two foreigners they mistak-enly assumed were Turks. Thrown our of the har and vowing revenge, they were joined by the fourth suspect as they headed toward a horise occupied by several Turkish families. As the two older defendants stood watch on the street, the two others allegedly set fire to the

from hallway with newspapers soaked in flam-

"The four accused fied after the crime," the See GERMANY, Page 5

'A Victory for Sanity' After Such Hatred



Claudio Celli of the Vatican and Yossi Beilin of Israel exchanging copies of the pact on recognition in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Israel and the Vatican to Open Embassies Within 4 Months

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Vatican recognized each other Thursday, trying to put behind them a "history full of havred, fear and ignorance" between Iews and Roman Catholics.

The accord came at the end of a series of diplomatic breakthroughs for Israel, and it gave the Vatican what it hopes will be a voice in the future of the city of Jerusalem. Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican underscentary of foreign relations, signed an agreement

of principles at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. "The signing was a victory for sanity, the Jewish people and the state of Israel," Mr. Beilin said. "Behind the agreement there are thousands of years of history full of hatred, fear and ignorance, with a few islands of understanding, of

cooperation," he said. The influence the Vatican has on the Catholic nations of the world and on almost a billion believers is tremendous," Mr. Beilin Added. Monagnor Celli called it an event "of fundamental religious and

spiritual significance for millions of people." Full ambassadors will be named and embassies opened after subcommittees work out legal details and the accord is ratified by the Israeli government. Israel said ambassadors would be appointed

within four months. President Ezer Weizman said he hoped it would open the way for a visit by John Paul II, the first by a Pope to Israel in 30 years. He has accepted an invitation in principle, but no date has been set.

While Mr. Beilin was hailing the agreement as opening a new era in

elations, disserting voices in Israel said there was too much bloodshed to be erased by a scrap of paper,
Outside the building, about 80 religious Israelis demonstrated
against it. They chanted "The People of Israel Live!" and waved signs

Critics argued the church must not be forgiven for 2,000 years of

bigotry that claimed the suffering of the Jews was God's punishment

The Vatican seeks to defend its position in the Arab world. Page 5.

for their refusal to accept Christianity, which they said fostered anti-

Semitism and planted the seeds for the Holocaust in which six million Jews perished during World War II.

Ha'aretz, Israel's liberal daily, said the church "persecuted the Jews

in the Middle Ages and the pages of its history are stained with Jewish blood." The paper added that the church "should not be forgiven for Other papers voiced suspicion that the Vaucan took the step after

so many years only to elbow into the final status talks on Jerusalem that are supposed to be completed by 1998 under the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A Vatican statement stressed that it seeks an internationally declared "special status" for Jerusalem and guarantees about freedom of

worship and access to the holy places for all religious. The church had resisted recognition of the Jewish state since its establishment in 1948, citing Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the

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Talk of Taiwan Thaw Chills Hong Kong

HONG KONG - A reversal of Taipei's four-decade ban on direct transport links with China, a move unexpectedly supported by Tai-wan's economics minister, could signal a shift in Asian trade away from Hong Kong.

The Taipei stock market shot up nearly 5 percent Thursday, to its highest close of the year, after Economics Minister Chiang Pinking advocated opening direct shipping routes to China as a means of boosting the island's

But in Hong Kong, which has served as and pr

middleman for Beijing and Taipei ever since the Nationalist army was defeated by the Communists and fled to Taiwan in 1949, analysts expressed concern that the policy shift in Taiwan

would hart the British colony's economy. "Hong Kong will lose millions and millions." Roy Delbyck, a lawyer in Hong Kong and a vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce, told Bloomberg Business News. "Hong Kong becomes less and less of a staging area for China business, and that's a big prob-

Taiwan's business community has increasingly urged ignoring political considerations and pushing for increased contact with China's

has actively encouraged.

But Taipei, fearing its old enemy would use economic leverage to force its hand, has sought to limit Taiwan's investment on the mainland and to slow the flow of foreign funds into its imancial markets. It has done this in the face of its manufacturers' growing need to take advan-tage of China's cheaper labor and desire to benefit from its explosive growth in trade. Several Taiwan legislators have risked criti-

alist Party, and the opposition Democratic Pro-See TAIWAN, Page 13

rism by the governing Kuomintang, or Nation-

North Korea And U.S. Cite Progress on **Nuclear Rift**

Issues of Inspection And Talks With South 'Closer' to Resolution

Compiled in Our Staff From Dispatche TOKYO - North Korea announced Thursday that there had been a "breakthrough" in the latest round of talks with the Americans

over its suspected nuclear weapons program. In a separate statement in Washington several hours later, the State Department said U.S. negotiators had "moved eloser" to obtaining North Korean agreement on two key points: allowing United Nations technicians to inspect nuclear sites north of Pvongvang and opening a

dialogue with South Korea on the nuclear issue. The comments by the two sides were the most promising sign to date that a diplomatic resolution may be possible in a dispute seen by some as the most dangerous international issue

facing President Bill Clinton, The United States and its allies fear that North Korea is close to building a nuclear bomb from materials associated with a legiti-mate nuclear power program. The North Koreans contend the program is for peaceful pur-poses only, but nevertheless have refused to open all their sites to international inspection, which they are required to do under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The first solid report of progress came in a dispatch early Thursday from the official North Korean press agency KCNA monitored in To-kyo. It quoted a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman who said a deal was close after talks in New York on Wednesday.

"Through the latest contact, the sides removed a series of stumbling blocks which had brought the D.P.R.K.-U.S. talks to a deadlock and made a breakthrough for the progress of the talks by displaying the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation," the spokesman said.

He said that the United States had expressed readiness to stop its annual military exercises with South Korea. Pyongyang, in exchange. had basically agreed to the resumption of in-spections of its nuclear sites by the international Atomic Energy Agency, the spokesman said.

"We will make continued efforts for a complete solution of the nuclear issue through the D.P.R.K.-U.S. talks. the spokesman said. He did not give details of when the talks would

Later in the day, the State Department issued a statement saying: "Our objectives in the cur-rent round of informal talks in New York remain North Korcan acceptance of the IAEA inspections required to maintain safeguards at seven declared nuclear sites in North Korea and commencement of a serious dialogue between the North and the South on the nuclear

"As a result of the most recent talks, we believe we have moved closer to meeting those objectives," the statement said.

"We expect our dalogue to continue," the department said. "No new meeting is currently scheduled but we repect to have further contacts soon."

In anticipation of a breakthrough, the South Korean government held a high-level strategy meeting in Seoul according to South Korea's Youhap news agncy.

Song Young fae, South Korea's deputy min-ister for reunification, said, "The United States and North Kora have yet to arrive at complete agreement, butheir positions neared an accord to a substanti: extent."

The South 'orean agency quoted officials as saying after the meeting, at which Prime Minister Lee Hoi hang presided, that the government believe the talks in New York may e KOREA. Page 5

ANTI-WAR PROTEST IN GEORGIA — A refugee from the republic of Abkhazia pleading for peace on Thursday in a demonstration in the Georgian capital, Thilisi.

Kiosk Sudan Expels Britain's Amlassador

NAIROBI (Remers) — Sudan has ordered the British ambassador in Khartoum to leave the country, the Sudanese news agency, SUNA, reported Thursday, Britain con-firmed the report and called the move "a

totally unjustified action."
The report said Ambassador Peter Streams was given two weeks to leave. There was no. immediate explanation but the move coincid ed with a dispute in which the archbishop of Canterbury. George Carey, has decided to visit the rebel-held area of southern Sudan but not Khartoum.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said that the Sudanese charge d'affaires in London had been summoned to explain the ex-

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The PLO said it hope to reach agreement soon on Israeli troop pilouts. Page 5. At 70, Franco Zelfirelli hows no signs-of slowing down, with a recent opera produc-tion in Rome and a newfilm. Page 6.

In India, 'Decent Marriage' Often Has a Fatal Flaw

By Edward A. Gargan

New York Times Service BANGALORE, India — A few days ago, police arrested Nagavam's husband. It came none too soon; She's still alive. "My husband wanted a house in his name," she began whispering, "He wanted a 30,000-rupee scooter," about \$1,000.
"He said if I did not give him this, he would take me to the top

of a building and push me down." "He ben! me," the continued, a quiet matter-of-factness cushioning her words. "He hit me on the back. He used to poke me with a needle on my back. He kept snying, I am an engineer and we must have loss of things. Last night they arrested my husband for downy harassment."

The experience of Miss Nagavani, who has only one name, is inorcasingly common. Despite a 32-year-old statute banning statistics. By the last day of 1992, 146 men downes, the practice has now spread both among untouchin the Delin High Court for killing or abuse

ables, who never traditionally gave downes, and, with a vengeance, among the growing middle classes. And with the spread of the practice has come a rapid rise in the killing of women for not providing dowries that are opulent

enough, that are in the eyes of the husband and his family too meager for their status and needs. Here in India's Silicon Valley, a growing city of high technology, computer enthusiasts and a newly entrenched middle

class, dowry abuse has reached epidemic prevortions. class, downy abuse has reached ephicinic provided as for which records are available, 161 cases of down including death, were turned over to the city's detection in 1992, 4.785 women were killed by their man having provided adequate downes, according to the city's detection in the city in the

dowry-related cases, according to the Indian Department of

You can't talk about marriage without talking of dowry," said Madhu Bushin, who works with a volunteer group of women called Vimochana, the Sanskrit work for Liberation, that tries to resettle women sho have beer beaten in dowry

There's nothing wrong with giving so ething to a daughter, when she gets/married, but when it womes a condition of marriage, that is wrong. And now it a used as an excuse to

Mohandas K. Candhi condemn'd the giving and receiving of down; as he led India towar independence. For Gandhi, the set for political freedom as bound up in what he saw as See DOVRY, Page 5

Poland: Europe's New Drugs Hub

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service WARSAW - When four containers of fish from Nigeria arrived at the airport recently, customs officers were suspicious

about the unusual cargo. Fish from Nigeria, they thought. So they searched, and they discovered, packed with the 55 kilograms of carp, half a ton of marijuana worth about \$2 million on the street.

A few weeks before, Polish officials on the border with Belarus' seized 4.5 tons of hashish that had been secreted in a shipment of fermented raisins from Afghani-

And earlier this year, the Costa Rican ambassador to Poland was arrested at the Warsaw airport with about 10 kilograms of pure heroin in his luggage, with a street value of \$900,000, while another drug bust netted 100 kilograms of cocaine from South America, with a value of about \$7.5 million.

These drug seizures reflect a sharp increase in narcotics enter-ing Poland. Some of it is for a growing domestic market, but most of the drugs are en route to Western Europe and even the United States, where federal law enforcement officials have expressed alarm about heroin being smuggled into the country from Poland. The volume is expected to

And while law enforcement officials in Eastern Europe say Poland has become the biggest transshipment point, drug trafficking bas also increased sharply throughout the region, in the Czech Republic, Hungary Bul-garia and Romania, as well as in

In February, a staggering 1.2 tons of cocaine was seized in St. Petersburg, in a container of

by ship from Colombia.

Russian officials believe that the cocaine was to be divided into smaller parcels and smuggled into various Western Europe cities. where the street value would have been in excess of \$75 million. Increasingly, organized criminal elements from Russia and oth-

law and order has almost completely broken down, are operating in Eastern Europe. This new element is not only moving into other traditional organized crime fields, like prostitution, but into arms smuggling as

er former Soviet republics, where

well, often financing the purchase of weapons with their enormous drug profits, law enforcement of-ficials say. "It is an explosion," said Maciej Lubik, a senior Polish customs official and director of the Eastern European office of the Customs

Cooperation Council, an international organization, about the growth of the drug traffic in the The Americans are very, very alarmed," he said, adding that he had been working closely with of-ficials from the U.S. Customs Ser-

vice and the Drug Enforcement Administration. No one knows for sure the total volume of drugs now moving through Eastern Europe — the countries have only recently be-gun keeping records of seizures, d they are spotty at best - but Mr. Lubik said that at most only 5

percent of the drugs moving

through Eastern Europe were being seized.

He estimated that at least 25 percent of the heroin being consumed in Western Europe was now passing through Eastern Europe, and he said that of the 30 tons of hashish seized in all of Europe this year, half had been found in Poland and Bulgaria.

Eastern Europe in the aftermath of the collapse of the Soviet Russia, the Cancasus and Ukraine Union, which has brought an end and into Poland before reaching to rigid border controls, and in the the ultimate markets. A third wake of the war in Yugoslavia, route is from Africa, primarily Niwhich has led to a disruption of

traditional drug routes. And the former Communist countries, confronted by a problem they did oot face until recently, are woefully unprepared, handicapped by inadequate laws, a lack of experience and paltry

Once a drug dealer has contraband in an East European country, he finds it easier to move it West. This is because a person landing in New York or Amsterdam or London from Prague or Warsaw is not as likely to arouse suspicion as a person arriving from Bogotá, Istanbul or Lagos.

This month, the German authorities seized 290 kilograms of heroin entering the country from the Czech Republic in a shipment of Turkish nuts. Worth an estimated \$18 million on the street, it was the largest heroin seizure ever

in Germany, officials said. In October, at the Black Sea port of Constantin, Romanian customs officials seized more than 4 tons of hashish, worth just over \$20 million on the street in Western Europe, packed in tea shipped from Kenya on a Uganda-registered ship. Three days later, they found another 7 tons of hashish worth about \$31 million, on another Ugandan freighter, this time secreted among textiles.

The illegal narcotics are entering along a number of routes. From Afghanistan, Pakistan, Thailand and Burma comes heroin, following through Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Czech Republic and into Western Europe. Previously, the major heroin

Also from the fields of Central

Drug syndicates are turning to Asia come hashish and marijuana, which move by truck through geria, by air and sea.

Even cocaine from Latin America is showing up in Eastern Europe. The Colombian cartels are beginning to forge links with local traffickers," said Rensselaer W. Lee 3d, an American who has been studying the drug trade for a decade and has turned his attention in recent years to Eastern

In April the Polish authorities seized 100 kilograms of cocaine, with a street value of \$7.5 million, in the port of Szczecin.

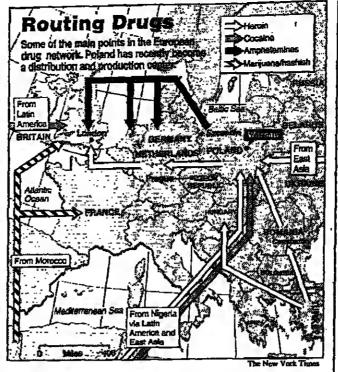
The ship had come from Latin America, and one of the men arrested with the cocaine bad links to the Medellin cartel and had previously smuggled drugs from the Netherlands to England, Pol-

Officials here are beginning to investigate whether some of the cocaine entering Poland from Lat-America is being routed to the United States. Until now most of the drugs

coming into Eastern Europe have been destined for Western En-There is no immediate threat to the U.S. yet, but I would under-score 'yet," Mr. Lee said. "It is

only a matter of time." East European laws make it difficult to keep drugs from entering and leaving the countries. In Poland for instance, possession of drugs for personal use is not a

"It is a progressive law, one of the most humanitarian in the world," said Andrzei Koweszko. of the Interpol office in Warsaw. But he added, "It was written by doctors, by sociologists, by every-



Although smuggling and sale of narconics are illegal, there is little risk of being caught unless someone is extremely careless. This is cause undercover and sting operations are prohibited by law in Poland, as they are in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

Nor in these countries is it possible to have a "controlled delivery" — that is to follow the drug courier to find the person to whom he is delivering the drugs.

These laws are left over from the Communist ers, but in that time the police had whatever power they wanted, and drug users and traders were often charged with "crimes against the state" and severely punished.

In Poland and the Crech Republic, efforts are under way to change these laws, but police officials in these countries said they did not expect their parliaments

Even with new laws, without vastly more resources. East European governments will have little which is in the hands of organized criminal syndicates.

An increasing number of syndicates are run by Russians or others from the former Soviet Union; these groups have long tentacles and ruthless methods of opera-

In many of the countries of Eastern Europe there is a lack of resources and training. Trying to help remedy this problem, the Germans and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration have started conducting classes for law enforcement officials in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in how to detect drugs and arrest smugglers.

We are complete newcomers, greenhorns," Mr. Lubik, the senior Polish customs officer, said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bosnia Aid Accords Broken, UN Says

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Reuters) — Bosnia's varring fations are placing millions of civilians at risk this winter by diaggarding agreements to allow aid deliveries to people trapped by the 21-month-old war, a United Nations official said on Thursday.

The ongoing low level of deliveries throughout Bosnia makes a mockery of the two agreements the warring factions signed recently," said Ray Wilkinson, spokesman in Sarajevo for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. He said aid deliveries to Bosnia-Herzegovina were running at a rate of 16,000 to 19,000 tons per month, compared with a target of 45,000 to 50,000 tons.

Bosnia's Muslim, Serbian and Croatian factions agreed in Novemberto cooperate with the United Nations in permitting aid deliveries to about 2.7 million civilians believed in need of food, fuel, medicine, clothes and blankets to survive the winter. But Mr. Wilkinson said all three factions continued to obstruct aid deliveries when it suited their military or

Kiev Acts to Curb Nuclear Smuggling

KIEV (Reuters) — Ukraine has moved to tighten control over its nuclear material amid widespread concern about attempts to smuggle radioactive substances abroad.

The news agency Interfax-Ukraine said Thursday that the security service and Interior Ministry had been put in charge of investigating cases of missing or stolen radioactive materials and of monitoring security procedures at Ukraine's five nuclear power stations.

The increased controls were ordered by the former Seviet republic's president, Leonid M. Kravchuk. Last week police in Odessa scized from smugglers 300 grams (10 ounces) of highly radioactive material with an estimated value of \$1.2 million.

Extremists Claim Philippine Attacks

DAVAO CITY, Philippines (Reuters) — A previously unknown ex-tremist group said it bombed three mosques in the southern Philippines in retaliation for a deadly grenade attack on a Roman Catholic cathedral. the police said Thursday.

A person claiming to speak for the New Christian Democratic Army phoned newspaper offices Wednesday to say the group was responsible for the three attacks in Davao in which six persons were injured. The police said they believed the group consisted of extremist Christians intent on causing strife between Muslims and Christians, and they did not rule out the possibility it also launched last Sunday's attack on Davao cathedral which killed six. They are questioning three suspects over the cathedral attack, in which more than 140 people were wounded,

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Vietnam Denies a Deal on Spratlys

HANOI (Renters) — Victnam on Thursday demed a newspaper report that it reached a deal with China to shelve a dispute over the Spratly Islands, saying the two countries were still negotiating the issue.

The Foreign Ministry said Hanoi and Beijing would "begin to tackle concrete matters" in their complex border dispute in early 1994. "Any reports to the contrary are not truthful," the ministry statement said. The Asian Wall Street Journal had quoted Chinese sources last week as saying that the two countries had reached "an oral agreement" to shelve the

dispute, which continues to slow the development of bilateral ties.

The ministry said the two countries intended to speed their talks on the issue to prevent it from developing into a full-fledged confrontation. The Sprattys, a chain of mostly barren outcroppings in the South China Sea, are subject to conflicting territorial claims by six nations, with China and Vietnam the most aggressive in pushing their claims.

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but have not made any charges.

The father of a 4-year-old boy who was murdered eight years ago in a case that has gripped France, was freed on parole Thursday after being sentenced earlier this month to five years in prison for killing his cousin, a suspect in the murder. Jean-Marie Villemin, 36; shot and killed Bernard Laroche, convinced he had murdered his son. The boy's body was found in the Vologne River in eastern France in October 1984 and no one has been convicted of the slaying.

Italian authorities pressed their search Thursday for the person who tossed a football-sized rock from a highway overpass and killed a woman passenger in a car. Monica Zanotti, 25, was struck in the head when the rock crashed through the roof of a convertible. The police said a group of boys had been throwing rocks from the overpass.

A Bangladeshi UN peacekeeper was killed in Somalia when a fuel truck he was escorting overturned. He was the first fatality among the 940 members of the Bangladeshi contingent, a UN official said. (AP)

Synagogue Damaged in

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW - A fire Thursday badly damaged the Maryina Roshcha Synagogue, one of only three synagogues in Moscow.

Fire investigators said it was too

Moscow Fire

soon to tell what caused the fire, which started at around 3 A.M. Fire fighters battled the blaze at the two-story wooden building for four The synagogue was built 10 years

after the 1917 revolution and was for many years one of only two functioning synagogues in Mos-

"We hope it is not arson," said Rabbi Berd Lazar

The poverty and general disorder that have followed the 1991 Soviet collapse have been accompanied by a rise in overt anti-Semitism.

tacked Moscow's main synagogue stable or falling. several times this year, Jewish graves in St. Petersburg have been desecrated and the newspaper Pravda has accused Jews of ritual

marder. The rabbi said the synagogue had not been the target of previous attacks nor received any threats. Russia's Jewish community has

been alarmed by the strong showing of the ultranstionalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky in the parliamentary elections on Dec. 12 Mr. Zhirinovsky says he is committed to fighting Zionism but denies being anti-

There is bule official discrimination against Russia's 2.5 million Jews. Since the Soviet collapse, they have reopened synagogu

TRAVEL UPDATE

2 Seine Tributaries Continue Rise

Anti-Semitic slogans and posters

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have become common at hard-line
demonstrations. Vandals have atin Paris itself and downstream areas, artificial barriers kept the Seine

The Mame rose 11 centimeters (4.4 inches) during the night. In the Oise valley, north of Paris, maximum levels were expected later Thursday and Friday. The Oise continued to rise downstream from Compiègne. especially at Creil where it was expected to reach the limit of 6.15 meters (20.3 feet) during the day, officials said. The number of those evacuated rose Thursday to 2,620, according to emergency services.

Belginn's state-run ferry between Ostend and Dover, England, ends Friday after 360 years of service only occasionally interrupted by pirates, wars and bad weather. On Saturday, the state company starts an Ostend-Ramsgate service with Britain's Sally Line. The company said faster connections between France and England have made the four-hour Ostend-Dover run umprofitable,

Slovak officials banned New Year's Eve parties in restaurants in the eastern Slovak city of Kosice because of fear of spreading hepatitis, news reports said Thursday. The Czech news agency CTK said 601 cases of hepatitis had been recorded in Kosice, located about 310 kilometers east of the capital Bratislava, since the epidemic broke out Dec. 6. More than 130 of those taken ill were children.

Pilots of the Portuguese sirline TAP have abandoned plans for a strike, schools, camps and even a kosher a spokesman said Thursday. The strike, planned for Jan. 3-10, was called restaurant in Moscow.

(AP, Reuters) the spokesman said. off after management agreed to reinstate flight insurance for the pilots,

EUROPEAN

Sweet Life in Spain? Some Say It's Sour

A quality-of-life survey that ranked Spain third in the world has drawn snorts of denision and disbelief from prominent Span-

TOPICS

of London, placed Spain behind only Switzedand and Germany in a broad evaluation based on economic, social, cultural and political factors. Since a similar study 10 years ago, Spain had

moved up from 11th place, passing Sweden, Italy, Japan, Austra-lia, the United States, Britain But Félix de Azúa, a writer who is director of the Cervantes Institute in Paris, told the Spanish daily El Pais that the survey was "grotesque," and possibly a "practical joke." Juan Pablo Fusi, a historian, said he thought the quality of life in Madrid, at least, had "deteriorated enor-

mously," with noise, traffic and congestion worse than ever. Spain, he added, may have a large number of students in universities, "but where is our Oxford or our Cambridge?" And the filmmaker Manuel Gutierre Aragón said that while Spain was clearly the "best country in the world," it was for "God-given reasons," like the climate and the food. A country with such high unemployment and poverty levels, he added, hardly seemed ex-

ious" - one cultural indicator is the number of McDonaid's restaurants per million people — and acknowledged that some countries provide far more reliable statistics than others. France, incidentally, had turnbled from first in the 1983 survey to 11th, largely because of its big increases in unemployment and

Around Europe One economic indicator

watched by some in France is the level of activity at the Rungis wholesale complex, called by some "the belly of Paris," near Orly Airport. Starting at 3 A.M. every day, this sprawling series of warehouses is the scene of noisy bustle as buyers stock up on meat and seafood, fruits, veg-etables and flowers. Until the week before Christmas, several wholesalers told Le Figaro, they were pulling out their hair — sales were down as much as 40 percent from the year before. But a last-minute pickup in orders especially of holiday fare such as oysters, smoked salmon and capons - brought a general sigh of relief. The overall decline still looks like about 10 percent from last year, but the effects of a weak economy and increased competition from big supermarkets may not be as disastrous as fcared.

ber rash" to the village of Jantarny, in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, following the fuss over the film "Jurassic Park," in which DNA from mosquitoes preserved in amber was used to create dinosaurs. Quarries near Jantarny — the name means Amber City — provide 95 per-cent of the world supply of this yellowish fossil resin. The main quarry's commercial director told the Paris newspaper Liberation that the number of visitors - most of them Americans had recently quadrupled.

The head of France's Center for Civic Information has accessed two highly popular puppet shows of being bad for democracy. The center's director, Jean-Christian Barbet, said that the Show" and "Les Guignois de l'Info" — so ridiculed the na-tion's leaders as to dissuade people from registering to vote. According to his figures, voter registration among young people is down 20 percent from last year, and in some Paris districts by as much as 75 percent. The two programs came in for heavy criticism following the smade last spring of former Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, a favorite

Brian Knowlton

Others say, more simply, the death rate reflects the lethal combination of many good cars — South Africa supports its own BMW Only one black South African in 100 actulined with ped-strians drunk on holiday The township wars subside for a few

In South Africa, the Deadliest Weapon Is the Car

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service
JOHANNESBURG — The world imagi-

nes South Africa as a country where people are forever killing each other with AK-47 automatic rifles. That is not entirely true. More often, they kill each other with auto-

By New Year's Day, when this season of peak highway peril is over, the toll should reach about 10,000, three times the number who will have died in political violence. One of South Africa's more embarrassing

claims to world stature is this; It kills off a

higher annual percentage of its population with cars than any other nation for which statistics are available. This is the season when South Africa en-

courages its citizens to puzzle over their egregious highway behavior. It is summer in the Southern Hemisphere, a time of vacations, when families clog the you off the road when your offense has been highways headed for beaches and game that you are driving within the speed limit, parks, when migrant workers pack into mini- which is considered here to be an action of

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buses for the ride home, when the roads are provocation."

weeks, and newspapers fill the space with the daily highway body count. The police and emergency services stage

an all-out campaign, employing breath-test roadblocks and televised warnings against

Michael Simpson, a Pretoria psychiatrist who specializes in the psychiatric effects of trauma and violence, contends the carnage is a symptom of a country seething with the frustrations of apartheid and uncertainty. "The sense of powerlessness amongst all

sections of the population is very high," he said, and it is reflected, too, in staggering rates of family violence, murder and suicide. "What one seems to see here is massive aggressiveness using the vehicle as a weaphe said. "People literally will try to drive

factory - and many bad drivers. The cars in South Africa are as good as any in the world, if not better," said Lawrence Barit, a lawyer who wrote a disserta-tion on drunken driving. "The roads are on a par with Europe. What is wrong? It's the

percent of South African drivers never bother to take the rigorous state driving test. Instead, they buy legal but meaningless licenses from the quasi-autonomous home-

They drive mebriated and fatigned, fearful of stopping to rest on highways sometimes plagued by bandits. They flout the speed limit, which is 120 kilometers an hour on most intercity roads.

ally owns a car, compared to half of the whites, but blacks are a large majority of those killed on the roads.

Partly this is because poverty confines so many to squatter camps alongside the high-ways; nearly half of those killed on the roads last year were pedestrians, almost all of them black, hit while crossing highways or stumbling home from township taverns.

Of 20 countries for which he could get statistics, Mr. Barit said, South Africa has the highest number of deaths per 100,000 inhabitants - 30, compared with 19 in the United States and 27 in South Korea, the

By the rating Mr. Barit prefers - the number of people killed for every 100 million kilometers of driving — South Africa is not as bad as Kenya, which has few cars, or South Korea, which has many cars but short distances. South Africa ranks third and is eight times as lethal as the United States or England, the countries, Mr. Barit noted, "we like to compare ourselves with."

Policeman Killed

The Associated Press JOHANNESBURG -- A policeman was found shot to death and two others were wounded in black townships Thursday as the death

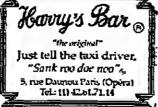
1991 the number was 145. Police Major Ruben Bloomber said most of the slain officers died off daty, usually on their way home or to work. The department does not give a racial breakdown of victims, but black officers are frequent

targets of township militants who consider them collaborators with the white-led government. The latest victim was black. Constable Patrick Msibi was found early Thursday in the Johannesburg-

in attacks in other area townships Thursday, police said.

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upheld the death sentence for a Muslim extremist convicted of killing an Egyptian writer, Faras Foda, who was an outspoken critic of a campaign for the formation of an Islamic state. The death sentence against Abd-



approved earlier by the chief Islamic official, Egypt's mufn. The confirmation of the penalty set off a furor in the courtroom and charges by radicals that the mufti, Sheikh Mohammed Said Tantawi, should no longer be considered a Muslim.

other defendants, who were sentenced to terms ranging from three to 15 years, and acquitted eight others. The defendants were tried under emergency laws and have no right of appeal to another court and can only petition President Hosni Mubarak for elemency.



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Mr. Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea, greeting friends on the president's arrival in Hilton Head.

Home Free (Again) for Clintons

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HILTON HEAD, South Carolina - For the third time since he took office, President Bill Clinton and his family are spending a holiday at a huxurious resort in a vacation home borrowed from

an absentee host whom they hardly know." Their host is Paul Bob Burge, a West Virginia business executive who also lent his beachfront home to the Clintons a year ago, before the presi-

dent's inauguration.

Last summer the Clintons spent four nights inVail, Colorado, at a defuxe condominium provided
by the tire magnate Leonard Firestone, then another 10 nights on Martha's Vineyard off Massa-

chasetts in a sprawling house volunteered by for-mer Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. Unlike their recent predecessors, the Chatons have no home of their own, and certainly not a vacation retreat. The president's aides say the Clintons have little choice but to rely in the kindness of near strangers if they are to escape the confines of the White House.

White House officials would not say why Mr.

Chinton, who carris \$250,000 a year, the not rent a the attency general says politics will not influence home. Nor has he yet made public an estimate of the minute. The inclusive power in another controverthe value of the grits, which at correct real estate. — Nor is there staying power in another controverrates would surely be many thousands of dollars. Federal laws require that the president disclose tor issue when Mr. Clinton was seeking the White any gift he accepts with a value of more thair \$250. House: the allegations of two Arkansas state cacept those given by people with when he has a proper than when he was governor. longstanding relationship, thus Whate House offer infinite for him when he was governor. In the could flare with fresh disclosures. Entire could flare with fresh disclosures.

girls in small.

"If there's a legal requirement, he'll meet the legal requirement," said left Piler, a White House.

Abortion-Funding Order is issued

WASHINGTON—The Charmediministration has issued a directive giving doctors discretion to has issued a directive giving critish for Medicaid-certify that poor women are eligible for Medicaid-

Training Corps program, but never enrolled, returning instead to Oxford. Mr. lackson's favor to Mr. Clinton left him feeling used and

Not enough, thoughl to restrain him from asking Mr. Clinton for help in the autumn of 1971. Mr.

Jackson, in his final year at the University of Michigan Law School, contacted Mr. Cinton to

help him get references for a White

Mr. Clinton cooperated but that was the closest Mr. Jackson ever

got to the White House, He didn't win the fellowship. His resume lists

him as a regional finalist.
One buzzard, then two, gildem a silent circle above Cliff Jackson's

Something dead around, Mr. Jackson says, glancing up through the pine trees. He is crunching

Lottery Jackpot

Comes Twice

To Everyman

TALLAHASSEE, Florida

- Joseph P. Crowley had al-

ready won 53 million in the Ohio lottery. Friends told him

he would never snare another

Then the retired construc-

tion worker won \$20 million in

"I needed to win this," Mr.

Crowley, 66, said Wednesday.

His payments from the Olio

lottery, he said, were going to

Mr. Crowley played the lot-to faithfully since he moved to Boca Raton, Florida, from To-

ledo, Ohio, six years ago after

Mr. Growley won the Flori-da prize last weekend, and

flew it a chartered jet to Talla

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sons, a daughter, and a grand-

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House fellowship.

funded abortions because they have been the vic-

tims of rape or incest.

The directive, issued this week in a letter to state Medicaid directors, is the administration's inter-pretation of a decision by Congress in October to loosen the 1976 law banning federal funding of

It allows states to impose their own "reasonable reporting or documentation" requirements to as-sure that rape or incest actually occurred, but only if they do not, "deny or impede coverage." (LAT)

Told-You-So for Scandal Chasers

WASHINGTON -- When Republicans blocked renewal of the law for court-chosen special prose-cutors, they were warned they would rue the day. Now it is told-you-so time

Without the law, the House Republicans who want an independent counsel to investigate a case involving President Clinton and a failed Arkansas land deal can't get it done. And so far, they have not been able to make much of an issue of it. The Justice Department already is investigating, and the attorney general says politics will not influence

sy that reflects what came to be called the characthat they facilitated extramarital sexual

Editir could flare with fresh disclosures. (AP)

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FOE: Clinton's Nemesis Has Been Trying to Spread the Word for Years

with six pens lining the pocket. He has pleasantly bland looks: Today though the even smile breaks with concern. He has the sense of being invaded, so that he doesn't want

the name of the town published or

even the county where he lives with

Security was an issue from the end of July, the first time he says he was approached to represent the

troopers. Mr. Jackson met Lynn Davis, an old lawyer friend, at a

Mr. Jackson says. There was "a guy

Mr. Jackson says. There was "a guy sipping coffee, looking across the restaurant glowering at us. I mean overfly staring." After an hom, when the meeting ended they were sure that "one of us was hot."

Turned out to be Mr. Davis, who thereafte having followed by

thought he was being followed by a

black car with dark glass and Texas

license plates. They ran a computer

check on the plates, he says. It came back "Not on file."

That incans federal undercover

"We were under surveillance,"

McDonald's in Little Rock

Betsy Cain, president of the League of Women. Voters of the United States, about the chances of passing a bill to reform campaign financing. Everybody is skeptical. But this is a credibility issue for Congress. This will be a true test of reform, one of those issues the public will look at to see if Congress is serious about reform." (LAT)

U.S. to Challenge Ruling on Gay Serviceman uals, but its decision cast doubt on the ad-

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Eager to deflect challenges to its new rules on homosexuals serving in the military, the Clinton administration has decided to fight a court ruling that the armed services cannot cashier people simply for acknowledging their sexual orien-tation.

But the administration is hoping to appeal the ruling on a technical consideration, and to direct courtroom debate away from constitutional questions that might undermine its position in future cases.

The ruling, handed down in November by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, involved a midshipman who was forced out of the U.S. Naval Academy and oot commissioned as an officer because he said under questioning that he was homosexual.

The court ruled that forcing him out violated the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution. The court was dealing with the old Defense Department ban on homosex-

ministration's slightly more liberal policy which permits bomosexuals to serve in the armed forces, but only if they keep their sexual orientation a secret.

The ruling left the administration to a difficult position. If it did not appeal, it would let stand a ruling that gay rights groups were prepared to use to fight the policy. If it appealed, it was in danger of looking bad politically by going to court in favor of a Republican policy that President Bill Clinton once vowed to abolish.

So it has chosen a middle ground, hoping to turn the debate to narrower questions involving the separation of powers among the executive, judicial and legislative

The appeal will be on an issue unrelated to the question of whether barring homosexuals is constitutional. The administration will argue that under the principle of separation of powers, the appellate court panel exceeded its authority last month when it ordered the navy to commission the midshipman, some-

The administration's decision is based on a fine political calculation. By doing it this way, the White House believes that it can satisfy its legal oeed to appeal the ruling, which it opposed, but without appearing to support the old policy on gay men and lesbians in the military.

"After working so diligently to define the new policy, we were reluctant to argue in favor of the old policy," an official said.

The plan also settles a dispute between the Defense Department and the Justice Department over how to handle the case. Pentagon lawyers believed that since some of the elements of the old policy were embodied to the new, a successful challenge could end up undermining the new one.

Last week the Pentagon issued rules intended to put into practice a policy that allows gay men and lesbians to serve in the armed forces, but only if they do oot engage in homosexual conduct and if they keep

The court ruling in November did not expressly address the constitutionality of the regulations, but it did bar the Pentagon from dismissing members of the military merely because they say they are homosexuals.

The court ordered the navy to commission the dismissed midshipman, Joseph C. Steffan, and to grant him his diploma. He was forced to resign from the Naval Academy six weeks before his graduation in 1987 because he had acknowledged under questioning by a disciplinary board that he was homosexual.

Lawyers for gay organizations expressed mild surprise at the government's tactics, saying the commissioning had never been an issue, and vowed to fight the administra-

tion's appeal.

"They're wrong on their legal position on the court's authority, and we're confident the court will deny this motion," said Evan Wolfson, one of Mr. Steffan's attorneys, who is a lawyer for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "We're disappointed by this nexts effort to deny an onistanding by this petty effort to deny an ontstanding midshipman his commission."

Specialists To Review Radiation Tests by U.S.

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE -- Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary has appointed a specialist in medical ethics to lead a federal review of government radiation experiments on humans in the 1940s and 1950s.

As many as 800 people were exposed to radiation in tests during the Cold War, and while some gave their consent, many apparently were not fully informed of the risks, Mr. O'Leary has said.

The issue of informed consent is the specialty of Ruth R. Faden, who directs the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health's program in law, ethics and health.

Ms. Faden will lead a task force that will include expens in medical ethics, law, history, epidemiology, radiation medicine and radiation

biology.

"We will be looking at what can be done to make this right," Ms.
Faden said in the Baltimore Sun. abuse and mistreatment occurred."

to release secret documents on haccostic fibrosis in 30 years. The man experiments and bomb tests agency said it has licensed the probable department and its prede-doction of the drug domase alfa, cessor, the Atomic Energy Com-The tests included feeding radio-

active cereal to retarded teenagers, injecting newborns with plutonium and radioactive iodine, and irradiating the sex organs of prisoners.

by June, Ms. Faden said. "It really is quite remarkable and impressive that the department is taking such an open and compassionate stance," she said.

Your friend (still)."
Even now that the troopers' sto-

CIA Grudgingly Yields Some 'Secrets' tice of tradecraft in support of clandestine ual "available for public inspection and copy-

By George Lardner Jr.

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Bill Dobrovir was miffed from the day he was ushered toto a windowless room at Central Intelligence Agency headquarters and required to sign a secrecy agreement before he could see a sin-

gle piece of paper.

A Washington lawyer retained to represent a man the CIA wanted to fire, Mr. Dobrovir was permitted to read the rules and take notes, but he said he had to leave the notes so CIA officials could determine whether he had jotted down anything that might compromise national security. The notes were duly sanitized and faxed to him.

Mr. Dobrovir said he used what he learned to reach a compromise whereby his client agreed to leave the CIA "under circumstances that were acceptable to him." Later, in April 1990, Mr. Dobrovir filed a

freedom of information request for the CIA's personnel regulations and procurement regulations and related material. After two years of no progress, he sued to U.S. District Court here. He won a small

victory this fall with a settlement in which the CIA promised to make its personnel regulations, grievance procedures, acquisitioo handbook and two-volume contracting man-

This month, the CIA published the "notice of availability" in the Federal Register, with-out saying where the inspection and copying could be done. Mr. Dobrovir said he was told to go to a CIA reading room, but the notice simply tells interested parties to call John H. Wright, the CIA's information and privacy

"The reason I had to file suit," Mr. Dobrovir said, was that be kept calling Mr. Wright and be could never get through to him.

The resulting disclosures, covering more than 1,000 pages, hardly make for X-rated reading. Among the papers, for instance, one regulation covers "compensation of certain foreign national employees imprisoned by foreign governments because of their employment by the agency." Claims must be filed "within 3 years after termination of the period of imprisonment giving rise to the claim; or the date of the claimant's first opportunity to file such a claim . . . whichever

Another regulation, not likely to be found at other agencies, deals with the kind of domestic duties that qualify an employee for the CIA's retirement and disability system.

These duties include "the continued prac-

activity," such as skillful use of "agents, agent nets, briefing, caching, casing, codes, control, cover, cutouts, defection, interrogation, penetration, recruitment, safehouses, subversion, surveillance, and may include such other elements as air and sea drops, escape and evasion, guerrilla warfare, propaganda, provocatioo, radios, resistance, sabotage and

staybehinds." The records also include an "employee misconduct report for 1991," showing that 42 investigations that year "resulted to findings of serious misconduct" and 14 referrals to the Justice Department for possible criminal ac-

The most frequent misconduct iovolved improper handling of classified information (11 cases), frand (10 cases) and theft (8 cases)," Frank J. Ruocco, acting deputy director, said in a summary.

Mr. Dobrovir said access to the documents will give CIA employees a good understand-ing of their rights, despite deletions. The CIA said it does not want to say where the documents can be read.

"Jack Wright will disclose the location once an interested party contacts him," an agency spokesman said.

Or he will send copies, at 10 cents a page.

Away

From Politics

"We don't know to what extent . The Food and Drug Administra-Mrs. O'Leary's office has started offering the first new treatment for offering the first new treatment for commonly called DNase, a product of recombinant DNA technology. • New York's Times Square, famous for its bright lights, is getting a more ominous billboard — a na-tional "death clock" that will tick Preliminary findings could come off the number of guns in the United States and the deaths they cause.

• A woman who refused a Caesarean section on religious grounds, despite doctors' warnings, gave birth to an apparently healthy baby in Chicago. But the child's guardin cheago, but the chint's gent ian said it was too soon to say whether the infant escaped injury. The boy weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces — below normal weight — Continued from Page 1

through the woods along a lake, son produced a letter indicating headaches so severe that If I had pointing out his property line, that Bill Clinton had received a pointing out his property line, that Bill Clinton had received a productive. "I built a wall," he says. "Won't draft notice.

The bear produced a letter indicating and the says of Bill Clinton. "Capable of being vindictive."

On Wednesday Mr. Jackson wrote an open letter to Mr. Clinton joined the University of Arkansas Reserve Officers' boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it, the men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it, the men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it, the men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots, jeans and a red flamed shirt it. The men were sitting around the boots it

but was in good condition, according to hospital officials. A judge upheld an 18-year ban on guns in housing projects in Port-land, Maine, dealing a sethack to the National Rifle Association. Superior Court Justice Sidney W. Wernick said that the Housing Au-

it; the men were sitting around the gnardhouse at the governor's mansion swapping Clinton tales, when someone suggested they write a book. They contacted Lynn Davis who is true contacted to the column tales. When the same time remember to the column tales are someone suggested they write at the same time remember to the column tales. The column tales are suggested to the column tales are suggested to the column tales. thority ban was a reasonable measure to protect tenants and did not violate the state constitution. lawyers in Little Rock who would ry is safely out, Mr. Jackson does • The Los Angeles County sheriff's represent them — Cliff Jackson.

The resulted was a portrait of a friend not to come over with a

office has suspended 25 deputies without pay for partying in a park while they were supposed to be on governor with a gargantian sexual holiday cake because "National appetite, who used public money to dish himself a feast of women. The with a telephoto lens." And he will special reserve duty for the Malibn fire. NYT, AP. Resters, LAT

2 Held in Blasts That Killed 5

The Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Kentucky

-- When Roger McClure sold the stranger with the Vermont driver's license 55 pounds of dynamite, he warned him not to take the explosives out of state.

Mr. Stevens served two years in the slayings.

The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle quoted an unidentified He was working on a water line

nearby, the man told Mr. McClure, who works at the Kentucky Powder Co. "He looked like he'd just come in off the job," Mr. McClure said. The authorities say the buyer

was Earl Figley, 56, of Farmington, New York, and that he used an alias to buy the \$223.17 worth of dynamite and blasting caps in June to help another man kill five people in upstate New York on Tuesday.

All that is required to buy dyna-mite is identification and filling out a federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms questionnaire which asks, among other things, if

prison in New York after he was

convicted of telemarketing fraud in 1987, state officials said. A law coforcement source to Washington also identified Mr. Figley as a for-mer convict, but details of his record were not immediately avail-Killed within 90 minutes Tues-

day night were a husband and wife, their daughter, a friend of the daughter's and a co-worker of the busband. Bombs hidden in tackle boxes were delivered to four homes, an armored-car garage and a prison. Four exploded; two were

defused. Investigators said the bombs

the buyer has been convicted of a were targeted at members of the family of Brenda Lazore, Mr. Ste-

Chronicle quoted a source as saying that Mr. Stevens felt the family had turned his girlfriend against him."

The Buffalo News and The New York Times said relations between Mr. Stevens and Miss Lazore's family became particularly strained around the holidays.

"If there was a precipitous act," an investigator told the News, "it might have been a Christmas party where Stevens was asked to leave."

Jack Killorin, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms, said he did not want to speculate on a motive.

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specifies are exerciatingly personal, and as they emerged. Mr. Jackson says, the men sometimes "were rolling on the floor with laughter." Not to say the issues against and

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Meantime, Mr. Jackson stayed one calculated step ahead of his pursuers — real or imagined. Dura cet," Mr. Jackson asserts. Mr. Jackson then struck a deal ing the four months of interviews. can Speciator. But he worried that the team of police officers, reportwith David Brock from the Ameriif the article appeared only in a crs and Mr. Jackson repeatedly-conservative magazine, "it would changed hotels Mr. Jackson susbe labeled as sleaze and my trooping on his phone, he says; suddenly ers would be pilloried." For politisounded like he was "talking down Angeles Times's William Remod! a well." He often met with his chand Douglas Frantz. He had dealt ents in cars and attached an anti-with Mr. Rempel during the press bugging device to his home tele-dential campaign when Mr. Jack-phone.

who in turn enlisted one of the only

Not to say the issues aren't seri-

"This is not about sex, it's not a

combe eruption," says Mr. Jack-son. "It's about the exploitation of

people, including women and state personnel." Mr. "Sure's private

chavios carries over into his pub-

lic life, Mr. Jackson says. And he

contends that there is an attempt to

cover it up that compares with Wa-

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Defuse Haitian Tensions

There is no justifying the vicious mob at-tack that killed two civilian supporters of Haiti's military regime last Monday and provoked a retaliatory rampage against slum dwellers presumed to support the exiled president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But it is not hard to understand why frustrated Aristide

supporters may now be turning in violence. Since the 1991 military coup, most have put their faith in international diplomacy or sought to flee Hairi altogether. But with diplomacy consistently thwarted by military obstructionists, anti-Aristide gangs swaggering trium-phantly and a U.S. Coast Guard flotilla blocking all refugee ships, the patience of the poor and desperate may be about to run out.

Let the Clinton administration heed the warning. Washington, in its efforts to win the Haitian military's consent to a workahle compromise, has leaned hard on Father Arisride to accept repeated concessions and delays. That is understandable. Short of sending in the U.S. Marines — a very bad idea — giveand-take negotiations are necessary.

But all give by the Aristide side and all take by the military has not produced a solution. What it may produce instead is disastrous social combustion. To lessen that risk, Washington needs to tighten the pressure of sanctions and loosen the safety valve of refugee flight. That means following through on a French proposal to broaden the United Nations oil embargo to other items if there is no diplomanc breakthrough before the Jan. 15 deadline. It means listening to the conscien-tious misgivings of administration officials and modifying the present policy of turning back all boats carrying fleeing Haitians without listening to claims to legitimate political asylum. One reason the Pentagon has always been

refuctant to send U.S. troops to Hain is that it fears Americans could get caught in the mid-dle of moh violence. Specifically, it worries that Aristide supporters, emboldened by an international presence, would seek revenge on paramilitary death squads and that the paranilitaries would light back. Monday's hloodbath shows how realistic those anxieties are.

Washington cannot produce magical solu-tions. What it can usefully do is crank up the embargo against the generals and crank down the blockade against fleeing refugees. Haitians need to know they are not forgotten.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Compensate the Victims

It is hard to imagine that at one time the U.S. government conducted and paid for potentially harmful experiments on human beings without providing the subjects any information about the nature of the tests or the side effects that might follow. But information recently revealed by the government and the media makes that case.

The new disclosures go well beyond some earlier revealed scandals along these lines in the intelligence services; a few lawsuits led to the payment of compensation to victims. Those cases were thought to be aberrations, shameful and destructive acts but isolated ones. Now it appears that in the early years of the atomic age, the government sponsored experiments involving at least 800 individ-uals in an effort to determine radiation toler-

ance levels in human beings. The Boston Globe has reported that, for example, government researchers at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology fed radioactive food to at least 40 men-tally handicapped teenagers. The Albuquerque Tribune reported that in other studies 18 patients were injected with plutonium and seven newborn boys were injected with radioactive todine. The government has also disclosed that 204 nuclear tests were conducted in Nevada during the 1940s and the

1950s that exposed people to radiation. Some medical experts believe no harm was done to the subjects of these experiments. That would be wonderful if true, but since the individuals are still being traced, it is too soon to know. Other defenders of the policy point out that there were no informed-consent laws on the books until recently, so it is possible that no law was broken. But medical ethics and legal obligations are two different things. In this connection, it is particularly relevant that at least one scientist, Joseph Hamilton, an expert on radiation who worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, expressed his concern at the time and even warned of comparisons between this work and that done by Nazi doctors in concentration camps.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary has provided welcome leadership on this matter. She has been forthright in revealing information, determined in her pledge to find all the victims and open in her acceptance of the government's responsibility. Undeterred hy the possibility that the revelations might lead to lawsuits, she says simply: "Those people who were wronged need to be compensated." Her assurances provide reason to hope that there will be an honorable and just resolution of this terrible wrong.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Finish Banking Reform

Two years ago, in the aftermath of the \$500 billion savings and loan bailout, Congress passed two-thirds of a bank reform. It poured money into a near-empty deposit insurance fund. It vastly improved procedures by which regulators could close a bank before it tumbled to bankruptcy and required a costly infusion of taxpayer money to pay off insured deposi-tors. But what the 1991 bill did not do is correct the cause of many bank failures: antiquated laws that prohibit banks from investing outside

their own states and selling new products.

The Clinton administration has now proposed three bank initiatives. One would simplify regulation, collapsing four overlapping though multiple regulators are not all bad: rivalry can stimulate innovation. The second initiative would simplify and toughen regulations that require banks to pump loans into low-income neighborboods. Both proposals are reasonable and likely to do some good;

neither is likely to make a big impact.

The third initiative calls for Congress to permit banks to set up branches anywhere in the country, thereby plugging the gap in the 1991 bill. Unfortunately, the administration gives scant evidence that it is prepared to muscle this valuable and important idea past

obstructionist forces in Congress.

Banks are generally restricted to investing primarily in one industry, real estate, and one state. That makes investment in banks risky. When the energy crisis hit in the 1980s, the economy of the Southwest collapsed, dragging the banks down. One remedy is to permit banks to invest throughout the country - relying on

profits in South Dakota, for instance, to make up for losses in Texas. Another remedy is to allow banks to diversify out of real estate by selling such financial products as insurance,

But frenzied lobbyists attacked these sensihle ideas when they were proposed by the Bush administration, Small bankers blocked interstate banking because they feared com-petition from big banks.

Of course small bankers wrap their opposition in high-minded rhetoric. They argue that small banks would provide more loans to local borrowers than interstate behemoths and that big banks would eventually overwhelm competitors and monopolize local banking. Neialready permitted, like California, small banks prosper. Also large banks lend as much to local merchants as small local lenders do; small bankers have the same easy access to international outlets for their money. And competition from big banks drives up interest rates on savings accounts of local depositors.

The insurance industry blocked the Bush proposals to give banks the right to sell insurance. Congress buckled under, even though banks would have served merely as sales agents for policies and would not have incurred risk.

Interstate banking will not get through Congress without a heave from the White House. President Bill Clinton seems disinclined to tackle bank reform when more important measures - health care, welfare and trade - loom on the calendar. The political calculation might he faultless. But the nation's banks can thrive just so long on two-thirds of a reform.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Children's Silent Tragedy

Though all love children, they are the most neglected community anywhere in the world. Whether it is peace or war, they are the most to suffer. The extent of present neglect, according to UNICEF, is a scandal the magnitude of which few are unaware. No famine, flood, earthquake or war has ever claimed the lives of 250.000 children in a single week. Yet malnutrinon and disease claim that number of child victims, week after week. And for every child that dies, many times that number live in such unhealthy and debilitating conditions.

Commitments have been made at the World Summit for Children. The declaration carries

the signatures of more presidents and prime ministers than any other document in history. National plans have been developed by at least 86 countries, including the Gulf states. All this shows that we are entering a new era of concern for the silent tragedy that envelops today's

children and tomorrow's world. Whether the concern will translate itself into anything more decisive and concrete depends on the interest politicians, the press and professional services will take to push their nations into action. What is required is a worldwide mobilization of public and political support for the cause of meeting the basic human needs of this neglected class of fellow humans.

- Arab News (Jidda).



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Maturing Humanity Can Shed Its Myths

By Flora Lewis

Rediscovery of the old truism that there aren't any solutions, only new problems, shouldn't lead to pessi-

mism. It is a step toward a more

mature acceptance that there will al-ways be challenges and that it is pos-

sible to move on and tackle the next

escape of nostalgia, finding depressing

comfort in the thought that even "nos-talgia ain't what it used to be." With-

out a secular promise of an impending

Certainly, there wasn't much gelden about the 20th century, with its wars, its revolutions and upheavals, its frus-

trated dreams. And it started with

such warm conviction that men had

found the tools to conquer what ails

them. The Eiffel Tower was the sym-

boi, a soaring cathedral to celebrate

the achievements that iron and steel,

science and industry would bring.

But despite its terrors, the 20th century did deliver in a way. The

population explosion that is rightly

the cause of so much current concern,

so many dire predictions, is the direct

result of reducing infant mortality, success in fighting diseases, stagger-

things that go wrong in the world because the technology of communi-

cations and transportation bring

them to our doorstep. There was al-

ways a plenitude of disasters, but

they seemed so reassuringly far away if they were known at all.

fulfill the hopes it inspired for unlim-

Even the split atom, which did not

The 20th century did

deliver in a way.

We are so much more aware of the

ing advances in agriculture.

golden age, they look back and me.

Many are tempted to take the easier

difficulty as it focuses attention.

PARIS — There seems to be a finde-siècle gloom entering a new year. With evident worry, people ask what the world is coming to.

Relief at the relatively peaceful end of the Cold War at the start of the 1990s and the excessive expectations it brought are partly responsible, but only in part. There is a deeper sense of dismay that problems are pring up and teetering beyond control.

For one thing, the end of the great

global confrontation has meant not only the loss of a clearly identified, well monitored enemy, it has meant the loss of earthly utopia. There is no longer a formula in which even the credulous can place their faith for a perfectly happy world or for the fall of evil

That is a kind of loss of innocence, but it isn't necessarily regrettable.

What's in Store for '94? Pick Your Daring Dozen

N EW YORK — Welcome to the 20th annual Office Pool. Because this participatory prognosti-cation has answered the unfelt need

of millions, this tradition has been imitated in all media. I have always tried to score lower than my readers, and last year went especially deep into the tank: all but one wrong. (That one, however, fore-warned that Bill Clinton would jack up the highest effective tax bracket over 40 percent. Richies could have saved millions acting on this tip.) As experienced pool-players

know, the point is in the range of intriguing options offered. My advice. Never play percentage pool; always play your hunch.

1. The highest pitch of tension with-in the Clinton administration will be between (a) guru James Carville and the Florida gubernatorial hopeful Ja-net Reno; (b) Hillary Clinton and Al Gore, laying the basis for Democratic

primaries in the year 2000; (c) Strobe falbott and Bobby Inman over Rus-sia policy; (d) the Clinton adviser Bruce Lindsey and the criminal divi-

2. Centerpiece of the health care bill that passes will be (a) mandated employer coverage; (b) universal care; (c) state monopolies as outlined in Mrs. Clinton's plan; (d) not any one of the foreging. one of the foregoing.
3. Senator Boh Packwood will (a)

lose in court and oblige the Byrd-Kassebaum juggernaut by resigning; (b) be the first senator since the Civil War to be expelled; (c) win in court on Fourth and Fifth Amendment grounds, accept Senate censure and

publish best-selling diaries,
4. Political upset of the year will be (a) the seven-seat capture of the Senate by the Republicans; (b) low-rated Governor Pete Wilson of California

At Prediction Co., the Bet's on Chaos

THE RISE of the Prediction Company, a business in Santa Fe, New Mexico, determined to turn the unruly new sciences of "chaos theory" and complexity studies into a forecasting tool, is the first predictable event in years. We consistently lust after certainty, lavishing fortunes on forecasters. Now comes a new posse of scientists pledging to shame Nostradamus by exploiting the very nonlinear computer theories that have proved the universe doesn't follow law or routine. In every wind pattern, drop of water and genetic chain we detect wondrous, often random intricacy, "Chaos," not "order," is the theme of the new science. But we don't want to hear, don't want to face the surprises awaiting us in nature, art, science, politics, sex and the markets. We want Prediction Co. - Douglas Davis, who writes on politics and culture, in the Los Angeles Times.

By William Safire

routs Kathleen Brown; (c) sure-thing Governor Mario Cuomo edged by unknown Roy Goodman; (d) Chuck Robh survives Doug Wilder primary challenge and beats Oliver North. sion's chief, Jo Ann Harris.

5. Talk of the magazine world will be (a) the success of youthful cyberspace-salesmen in selling "Wired"; (b) the stigmatization of young sing-lehood in Rupert Murdoch's "Married Woman"; (c) editor Angela Har-rington's successful launch of Time's youth-oriented "Mouth 2 Mouth."

6. Of nonfiction best-sellers, the one stirring the greatest ontrage will be (a) "The Betrayed Profession," by Sol Linowitz and Martin Mayer; (b) "The Deep Divide," by Sherrye Henry; (c) "The Man in the Water," by Roger Rosenhlatt; (d) "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness,"

hy Peggy Noonan; (e) "Taking Charge," by Irene Pollin; (f) "Leav-ing Home," by Art Buchwald. 7. Boris Yeltsin's nemesis will be (a) elub-in-the-closet Vladimir Zhirinovsky; (b) rejected confident Gennadi Burbulis; (c) yes-but reformer Grigori Yaviinsky; (d) slow-to-act

Marshal Pavel Grachev.
8. In the Middle East (a) the autocrat in Yasser Arafat will split the PLO; (b) disillusion with Yitzhak Rabin's concessions will topple Labor; (c) Syria's Hafez Assad will make a Golan deal under U.S. pressure and lead to a Palestinian state. 9. Big issue in 1994 congressional

tion vs. isolation.

Hussein, and subsequent obstruc-tion of justice within Justice; (c) Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

elections will be (a) conservatives' repressive "law 'n' order," renamed by liberals "personal security"; (b) un-expected second-half economic slump revives calls for tax cut; (e) who lost health reform? (d) interven-

The New York Times.

WASHINGTON — With great successes in the NAFTA and GATT treaties under his belt, what does Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade ambassador, do for an encore? I put the question to him in his office in the elegant little building that houses his trade ministry, the smallest such bureaucracy among the major powers.

Mr. Kantor loosened his tie and ticked off the Clinton administration's future trade agenda, a daunting list of immediate and longer-term problems, such as the "framework" discussions on trade relations with Japan that President Bill Clinton initiated at the Tokyo summit a These efforts, Mr. Kantor said, "are proceeding, but not at a pace we would like."

He gives Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa

"tremendous credit" for opening the Japanese market to imports of rice for the first time. But the Japanese, he added, are not keeping their promises to lower harriers against telecommuni-carions equipment, or to allow U.S. semiconductors a 20 percent share of the Japanese market.

Then there is China, he said, "right on the front burner" with its projected \$22 hillion trade surplus with the United States. Not only are the Chinese "not providing the market access we want, they are engaging in mislabeling trans-shipping circumvention to violate agreements that limit their textile exports to the United States. The trade chief said firmly that America was "not going to live with" that situation.

In the somewhat longer term, there will be a new focus on Asia as the fastest growing market in the world, and extending the North American Free Trade Agreement to Latin American members beyond Mexico. probably starting with Chile. Much of this agenda is deja vu: U.S. trade negotiams have been battling with the Japanese for at least two decades on such irritants as semiBy Hobart Rowen

conductors and wood products. Meanwhile, the "framework" deal with Japan is a retreat from the "results oriented" approach to trade that symbolized Mr. Clinton's initial, and poorly thought-out, effort to force Japan to accept more imports.

The Clinton administration, one realizes, is still trying to formulate its own distinctive overall trade policy. It has given more attention to expanding global trade volume through NAFTA and GATT, and less to "results oriented" theory

When he is asked to separate out a single U.S. priority, Mickey Kantor comes back to Japan.

than seemed likely a year ago. Mr. Kantor con-cedes that he and other officials are just beginning to focus on their priorities for the future. NAFTA and GATT, after all, were leftovers from the Bush and earlier administrations. Still, it becomes clear that the administration will turn its attention to regional and bilateral, as distin-

guished from multilateral, trade negotiations. "We are going to come to an age of more mutuality and comparability," Mr. Kantor said, meaning that countries, including the United States, will demand reciprocal treatment. Where in another economic era a rich and dominant United States could keep its markets open without worrying about equivalent treat-ment from others, he added, "that's no longer the case." To have "prosperity here at home, build jobs, and serve the American people," he said, the United States will have to insist "that its trading partners follow the same standards, including worker standards and environ-

Thus, reciprocity will likely be the dominant buzzword for future Clinton trade policy. And reciprocity can be more easily achieved in face-to-face bilateral or regional bargaining than through the complicated multilateral trade system. tem, Mr. Kantor and other trade experts feel.

can no longer be separated from domestic is-sues: "Whether it's health care reform, or worker training, or educational reform, that's a critidoes no good to huild new markets and have work force that's competitive."
Unspoken in his description of the future trade

Europe are deep and important, and they're going to continue to be, but God knows, we have been too Euro-centrie in the past, and haven't recognized the opportunities in Asia and Latin America. We have a natural market in Latin America. Remember, proximity and proclivity are natural in trade," Mr. Kantor said.

Yet when be is asked to separate ont a single priority, Mr. Kantor comes back to Japan. harder than solving the NAFTA and GATT

The Washington Post.

10. Mr. Clinton's biggest mistake in 1994 will be (a) abdication of defense leadership to Sam Nunn; (b) embrace of Mr. Yeltsin to the exclusion of rivals; (c) appeasement of

12. Stunning changes will include (a) Mickey Kantor to secretary of state, Warren Christopher to chief of staff, Thomas McLarty to budget; (b) Mr. Cuomo to replace William Rehn quist as chief justice; (c) CIA chief James Wonlsey to rescue Pentagon from big-spender Inman; (d) Zhou Rongji slips past favorite Jiang Zemin to run China after Deng Xiaoping's death; (e) CBS's Larry Tisch, stripped of NFL ball, tackles Disney.

My own daring dozen: 1-c, 2-d, 3-4-d, 5-c, 6-a, 7-c, 8-a, 9-a, 10-c, 11b, 12-d. Ya gotta play to crow.

Next on the Trade Agenda: A Lot of One-on-One

mental rules, that we do.

Mr. Kantor also contends that trade policy cal part of what we're doing." He added: "It these agreements unless we have an American

agenda is that Europe is the odd man out. Attention to Japan, China, Asia and the Americas has Washington looking west to the Pacific Rim, north to Canada and south to Latin America.

"Obviously, our trade and other relations with

"We've got to make progress with Japan in a meaningful way," he said. That is likely to be puzzles, hut America's trade chief proposes to report for work as usual.

North Korea.

11. First special prosecutor under the new Independent Counsel Act will be assigned to (a) Whitewatergate, the charge of conflict of interest between investor Clintons and the regulatory Clinton; (b) Iraquate, the Bush abuse of the commodity credit corporation to arm Saddam

ited energy but succeeded in multi-plying dramatically the ability to kill en masse, did seem to prevent the continued enlargement of wars. The tendency, then, is to look far-ther back for the times when all was benign, when everything was in its place, when art and wisdom and man's best instincts flourished. But the gold-

en age, any golden age, is a deliberately selective memory, if not sheer myth, though still testimony to human creativity and capacity for imagination.

Muslim fundamentalists think of the era of Arab glory, when Islam was spreading through much of the known world, producing marvels of art, architecture and science, and, in their vision, well regulated soberly honest societies. The marvels were real, but they were islands in great

seas of abject misery. The traditional stories tell of it abundantly. Some Christians and Jews think of biblical times, willfully ignoring the tales of wars, crime, treachery and the intensity of suffering which it took intracles to alleviate. They are as true as the beliefs that made it

possible to endure them.

At times, Americans think of frontier days, of bold and brave adventure in the wilderness, but they block out how hard life was. Classical Greece, Erasmus's Holland, the Eng-land of Elizabeth and Shakespeare brought wonders for posterity, but neither ease nor safety for most of the

Many years ago, when he was a young man just out of Yale, the now eminent commentator William Bucklcy was telling me at length how the world was continuing to go steadily downhill. I asked him, if he could turn the clock back to set it in the best of times, when would that be?

He thought a bit and answered, the time of Louis XIV. Even at court, I pointed out, among the most privieged, people lived without privacy, without hygiene, dependent on the whim of arbitrary superiors. For the rest of the population, life was an almost unrelenting bardship. If it was a golden age, it was only for the king.
"Ah," he said, "but I would have been king."

For practically everybody else, things have not gotten worse and for vast numbers, they are much better. The gloom is as much a product of the imagination as the idea of the lost golden age. We can do without both. The New York Times.

Make the Sea of Japan a Model of Environmental Partnership

HONOLULU — A recent warning hy a Foreign Ministry official in Moscow that Russia might be forced to resume dumping of low-level nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan threatens to become a serious point of contention with Japan and both South and North Korea. Yet if the four nations that border the sea were serious about improving marine environmental protection, Russia's problems in handling the radioactive waste produced by its nuclear submarines could become a catalyst for

closer regional cooperation. In October, Moscow suspended plans to dispose of 900 tons of nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan after an international outcry when a Russian naval vessel dumped nearly a 1,000 tons of low-level waste there following a visit by President Boris Yeltsin to Tokyo. The action eroded whatever goodwill the trip may have gained.

Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata warned his Russian counterpart, An-drei Kozyrev, that if Moscow proceeded with its plans to dump another large load of similar waste, "the foundation of a new Japan-Russian relationship will crumble." South and North Korea also protested.

Russia lacks proper storage (acilities for nuclear waste from its Pacific fleet. Two tankers holding the waste are reportedly full, and Russian military officers say they have no other level liquid waste tipped into the Sea suitable storage tankers and no dis-posal site on land. Moscow has said of Japan provides no immediate threat to the environment or humans. that controlled dumping at sea will be But the longer-term impact is unknown, particularly after the containstepped if Japan and other countries help build a plant to treat the waste at ers erode. Some Japanese fishermen an estimated cost of \$8.5 million. have expressed concern that consum-

By Mark J. Valencia

Earlier this year, Russian officials disclosed that the former Soviet Navy had dumped 18 decommissioned nuclear reactors and more than 13,000 containers of radioactive waste between 1978 and mid-1993, much of it in the Sea of Japan. The admission angered Tokyo. Yet Japan is in no position to include in righteous indig-nation. The chief of the Science and Technology Agency. Satsuki Eda, has admitted that Tokyo Electric Power Co. dumos 10 times more radioactive waste each year into the Sea of Japan than the amount that the Russians got

rid of after Mr. Yeltsin's visit. Pyongyang has used the revolation that the former Soviet Navy dumped two nuclear submarine reactors not far from the North Korean coast in 1978 as ammunition in defense of its own clandestine program to develop nuclear weapons. The dumping occurred three years after the Soviet Union had ratified an international

convention banning such action. North Korea questioned how Russia could maintain a nuclear arsenal and continue dumping radio-active waste in the Sea of Japan while "having the cheek" to press Pyongyang to accept international inspection of its nuclear facilities. Most scientists agree that the lowers may avoid squid and other marine products from the Sea of Japan.

Such alarm may help spur coopera-tive regional action. Russia's problems in handling the buildup of nuclear waste from its Far East fleet has brought officials from Japan, Russia and South Korea together for discussions on the issue of marine environmental protection. Tokyo is railying support for an international fund to Russia treat its nuclear waste on land. Even North Korea has offered to host a pollution control meeting.
But broader cooperative action is

needed. A first step would be for South Korea and Japan to declare exclusive economic zones to 200 nautical miles from their coasts. This would oblige them to safeguard the environment in these areas. When all countries surrounding the Sea of Ja-pan have extended their jurisdiction to 200 nautical miles, there would be several areas where claims overlap. Marine pollutants are easily trans-

ported across lines drawn on a map. Recognizing this, the Law of the Sea Treaty, to come into force in 1994, urges those countries bordering semienclosed seas, such as the Sea of Japan, to cooperate to protect the environment, All Sea of Japan littoral states should ratify the treaty and apply its environmental provisions. Another step would be to revital-ize a Northwest Pacific action plan

for marine environmental protec-

tion that was prepared by the Unit-

ed Nations Environment Program.

The plan has stalled because of wran-

gling over its priorities and costs: South Korea could take a lead role in coordinating a regional approach to marine environmental protection. It has a relatively clean nuclear record and a growing interest in environmental matters.

Such leadership to stimulate cooperative management of the Sea of Japan's manne environment could

tension and political division into one of peaceful collaboration.

The writer is senior fellow in the Program on International Economics and Politics at the East-West Center in Honolulu. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: The Pope's Health

ROME --- As there have been a good many reports spread about regarding the health of the Pope, it may be interesting to learn the truth about it. The actual truth is as follows. His Holiness, considering his age, is as well as can be expected. He is, however, in what has been described by himself as a state of resignation, a resignation caused by the feeling ever present before him that the span of his frail life cannot be extended very much longer. He constantly refers to the probability of his death with a calmness and screnity which is as

remarkable as it is beautiful. 1918: Wilson and Russia

PARIS -- [An informed source says] President Wilson is far from opposing American participation should the necessity of an intervention of the Allies in Russia be demonstrated. But he could agree to it only for precise objects and according to a definite program, excluding any form of a return to a regime which is out of date. LONDON — A despatch armounces that the Bolshevists have entered yilna. Another states that the Bolshevists, after capturing Rigs, were driven out by the Lettons. The Bokhevists are preparing to attack the city again.

1943: Germany Pounded LONDON -- [From our New York edition:] A record force of about 1,500

American planes blasted targets in southwestern Germany yesterday [Dec. 30] as its part in possibly the most sustained air assaults of the way which saw at least 3,000 British and American warplanes over Germany and occupied territory in the last 24 and occupied territory in the last a hours. The American daylight attached also set a record for the deepest personal some of which flew the entire 1,100 mile round-trip. A communique settle 123 German highter planes were stroyed, while the American force leaves

22 bombers and 12 fighters.

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On Israeli Pallouts?

Officials in Cairo See a Compromise

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO - Palestinian and Egyptian officials said Thursday that despite the latest breakdown they expect the PLO and Israel to reach a compromise soon on Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho that originally was to begin Dec.

The officials said the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thirs-day gave Israel a memorandum of its understanding of security arrangements between the two par-ties after the withdrawal. It also discussed the way to organize Palestinian access to the two areas when a withdrawal takes place.

The talks broke down Wednesday after PLO officials accused Israel of having dropped many of the Palestinian views from an Israeli draft outlining these understandings, thus giving the impression that the talks had broken down. On Thursday, a senior PLO official said the differences were sur-

Emerging from a meeting attended by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, who is acting as a mediator, and the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Nabil Shaath said that negotiators from the security committees representing Israel and the Palestinians will resume their work in the Red Sea resort of Taba in Egypt. He dismissed reports of

unbridgeable differences. "We are in the middle of serious and long talks to solve problems that have prevented us from reaching an accord so far," said Mr. Shaath, who heads the PLO negoti-

ating team. "This is not a last chance or last stretch of anything." Mr. Arafat refused to make any comments after the meeting in what was his second visit to Egypt within 24 hours for consultations with Mr. Muharak. He then left for

Egyptian officials said the breakdown was largely due to what one described as brinkmanship by both Israelis and Palestinians as they approached "the last quarter of an.

Interviews with Israeli, Egyptian and Palestinian officials suggested that the major block to progress remained the effort to meet PLOinsistence that arrangements for security are shown to give Palestinians a palpable measure of control

in the occupied territories.

Israel has insisted that security controls be shared with Palestin. ians on points of access to the occu-

mied territories. "Arafat has to show the Palestinians of Gaza and Jericho, at least, that after this accord they will not be living under Israeli occupation, a senior Egyptian official said. "Some people may say this is symbolic, since the rest of the occupied territories will remain occupied for awhile, but in this case the symbol

The official discussing events that led to the breakdown, said Palestinian and Israeli negotiators had indeed discussed in some detail several scenarios of how to reconcile Israeli and PLO concerns as. well as differences over the size of the area of Jericho that is to be

cyacuated by the Israelis. He said that several compromises were reached just before the

breakdown. Among these, an Israeli official said in a separate interview, was the agreement by Israel that PLO offi-cials "will be standing behind a Palestinian flag" to great Palestin-

ian visitors.
"We agreed they can have their own flag, which is a major concession at this stage," the Israeli said.
But he added that Israel was adamant that its security officials must have the right to veto the entry of visitors deemed to be a risk and

that their officers be present at Palestinian outposts.

The breakdown occurred early Wednesday after the team headed by the Israeli foreign minister, Shi-

mon Peres, made a rough draft of the "understandings."
PLO officials showed that draft to Mr. Arafat, who arrived in Cairo early Wednesday on his way from Sudan to Tunis. He cabled back a

few hours later that it was mucceptable and added several new proposals. Later, Palestinian officials said the Israelis had "dropped" from the text some of the issues on which-

both sides had agreed, describing the document as an Israeli version" of the conversations. On Thursday, the PLO offered and North Korea would hold anits own version. Egyptian officials other session early in January and described the differences as adopt a "package agreement." "bridgeable" and Mr. Shaath's "When an IAEA inspection

launched next week.

earlier this month of murdering Continued from Page 1 statement said. Three girls, aged 4, three Turks by firebombing their 9 and 12, and an 18-year-old wom- home in Mölln in November of tenced to life in prison and the

on miant. The two juvenile defendants face old infant. maximum sentences of 10 years in



Beijing, Bypassing Patten, Woos Hong Kong

British colonial government, Chi-na's leading official in Hong Kong urged the colony's residents Thurs-British colonial government, China's leading official in Hong Kong cy, and enthusiastically participate in preparatory work" for Hong day to take part in plans to replace its government after China takes over in 1997.

WOTE as one, oner anvice and point cy, and enthusiastically participate in preparatory work" for Hong Kong's post-1997 government, Mr. Zhou is considered Beijing's de factor ambassador in Hong Kong.

he a New Year's message. Zhou Nan, head of the local office of the Xinhua news agency, said Hong Kong's people were increasingly aware that their fate was intertwined with China's.

"We sincerely hope," he said,

Zhirinovsky

Puts Paris on

Must-Visit List

PARIS - The Russian ul-

tranationalist Vladimir V, Zhirinovsky, expelled from Bulgaria and barred from Ger-

many this week, said Thursday

he planned to visit France in

February to meet with conser-

Reviers

HONG KONG — Bypassing the all walks of life in Hong Kong will british colonial government, Chi-work as one, offer advice and poli-

This week, China repeated threats that in 1997 it would replace- legislators and councilors elected under electoral reform plans proposed by Chris Patten, the London-appointed governor.

· Mr. Patten's reforms, introduced

tions. Hong Kong's last before the

China has guaranteed that Hong Kong can remain autonomous and capitalist after 1997, but says the Patten reforms violate treaties ceding the colony.

A Beijing-appointed committee

to Hong Kong's partially elected ment that is more acceptable to legislature on Dec. 15 despite China.

Many fear the group, called the

Preparatory Work Committee, could rival British authority in the last three and a half years of colo-It has an office in Hong Kong to

solicit public opinion.

The Patten reforms, part of the democracy bineprint be unveiled 15 months ago, would lower the voting age from 21 to 18, abolish of advisers from Hong Kong and appointed local council seats and China began this month discussing introduce single-seat, single-vote introduce single-seat, single-vote how to form a post-1997 govern- constituencies.

Paris Snubs Swiss, Expels 2 to Iran

affair was stalled.

comment would be made.

France and Iran have had rocky

ties on several occasions.

The darkest period was in 1986.

when a series of Paris bombings

carried out by an Iranian-backed

Iran is known to be angry at

Massoud Rajavi's wife to reside in

new Indian government passed the Dowry Probibition Act, which was

intended to do just that but which has been ignored by rich and poor

alike, by government ministers and

street sweepers, lawyers and com-

poter engineers.

In the marriage pages of The Times of India on Sundays, pages

of classified advertisements by families looking for husbands for

their daughters or wives for their sous, the code words that indicate

the need for a dowry are "decent

marriage." And most of the adver-

risements are for a decent marriage.

"Indian society is basically dishonest in itself," said Ravi Nair, the director of the South Asian Hu-

man Rights Documentation Cen-

ter. "It says it puts a premium on spirituality. But it's really material-

istic to the core. It cannot actually

come to grips with what it says and what it does. And it takes it out on

the weakest link in society, and

that's women. It's the easiest ounce

unteer with Vimochana, flipped through a thick folder in the book-

store that the group runs. "All these are dowry deaths and dowry-relat-

"Here's a case," she continued, fingering a wedding photo clipped

Donna Fernandes, another vol-

network killed 13 people.

France's recent decision to a

PARIS - France has expelled to Tehran two Iranians suspected of a role in the 1990 killing in Switzer-land of an opposition figure, rejecting a Swiss extradition request "in the national interest," the prime minister's office said Thursday. The two suspects, Mohsen Sharif Esfahani, 37, and Ahmad Taheri, 32, were expelled Wednesday night, said the official, speaking on

vative politicians.

A Foreign Ministry spokes-, condition of anonymity. Swizzerland has been seeking the men said that France had not extradition of both men for the yet received a visa request for Mr. Zhomovsky. Should this April 24, 1990, killing of Kazem Rajavi, the brother of Massoud Ra-javi, leader of the Mujabidin happen, we will examine the request," he said. Khalo, the leading Iranian opposition group.
The two were arrested in Paris in

Mr. Zhimbysky said in an interview from Moscow with France-Info radio that he wanted to meet the Paris mayor and former prime minis Jacques Chirac, who heads the Gaullist Rally for the Republic party; the center-right leader and former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, "and other well-known politicians."

Saying he did not see why the press criticized him and his party's policies, he added: We are just like the party of Monsieur Jacques Chirac, not like the party of Mousieur Le Pen or like other extreme right-wing parties."
Jean-Marie Le Pen heads.

France's far-right National Front.

Gandhi wrote, "The system has to Continued from Page 1 go. Marriage must cease to be a the need to transform the Indian matter of arrangement made by parents for money."

After Gandhi's admonitions, the

DOWRY: Marriage's Fatal Flaw

soul. Part of that struggle in his eyes included abolishing the dow-"A strong public opinion should, be created in condemnation of the degrading practice of dowry, and

November 1992 at the request of

Swiss officials. A Paris court gave a

favorable opinion on the extradi-

young men who soil their fingers with such ill-gotten gold should be excommunicated from society,

ULSTER: Killing Blackens Hope

enable Sinn Fein to eventually join the talks over the future of the

province.
"The people of Northern Ireland have not been conned by this proposal." Francie: Molloy, a Sinn Fein official, said in an interview. There need to be more clarifications, more concessions, and we are prepared to wait as long as neces-

The major objection among re-

publicans to the British-Irish declaration is its insistence that the re-unification of Ireland can come about only with the consent of the majority of the people in the North, a point on which the British gov-ernment insists. At present, Protestants make up about 60 percent of the population of the six counties of Northern Ireland, which was cut off from the rest of Ireland and set

sary to see them."

Mr. Molloy said republicans with whom he has spoken in the province believe their interests are ple of Ireland as a whole — both north and south — should have the right to national self-determination without the threat of any Unionist veto.

KOREA: Progress in Nuclear Rift

Continued from Page 1

enable the two Koreas to exchange special envoys early in 1994. Yonhap quoted an imnamed South Korean official as saying it was possible that the United States

comments suggested that a new ci- team arrives in the Yongbyong area furt at cumpromise will be under the package agreement, a si- North Korca-U.S. talks," the offimultaneous announcement would cial said.

be made in Seoul, Pyongyang and New York," the official said. Yongbyong north of Pyongyang, is the site of a miclear complex that has become the focal point of suspi-

"The announcement would be on the exchange of special envoys between the two Koreas, suspension of the Team Spirit exercise and the holding of a third round of

to the file. "He's a lawyer. He killed her and put her in a gunnysack and dumped her in a lake. He was ac-quitted. He's a lawyer and he used his influence to get off." "Men feel they have a right to strike women." Ms. Fernandes said. "The law hardly works, the

ed cases," she said.

to extract."

police hardly work. In India, I think the kind of inequalines in the relationship between men and women are more visible and more deep than elsewhere. Almost even day a woman is killed."

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to lodge a formal protest on Friday. Zeyal Sarhadj.

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revolution, breaking then repairing Switzerland to cooperate in such matters.

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A 1957 European convention on relations since the 1979 Iranian extradition obliges France and

tion request in February, but the France. She had previously been

The office of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said in a statement that French authorities decided against the extradition request for reasons linked to the national interest." It added that on further

Swiss diplomats protested to the tiar, the former prime minister of French Foreign Ministry on Thursday night, and Bern was expected tradited another Iranian to France,

in that area," he said.

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For Vatican, a Balancing Act Church Reaches Out to Jordan and the PLO

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service ROME - Even as it finally recognized Israel on Thursday, the Vatican sought to defend its position in the Arab world and to register its demand for international guarantees of Jerusaiem's spiritual status as a holy place for Chris-

tians, Jews and Muslims alike. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican's spokesman, set out its position at a news conference here sevcral hours before the signing in Jerusalem of a historic recognition

As if to balance the impact of the development on Arab regimes in nations with Christian minorities. Mr. Navarro-Valls said a similar recognition deal was in the works with Jordan. "I hope I can an-

nounce it soon," he said. Moreover. Mr. Navarro-Valls said Monsignor Claudio Celli, the papal envoy with went to Jerusalem to sign the agreement, would meet tomorrow with Palestinians nominated by the Palestine Liberation

Organization to begin an "institumalized" dialogue. The Vatican said its new embas-sy in Israel would be in Jaffa, which bas a large Israeli Arab population. Tel Aviv and Jaffa run together as a

single urban area under the municipality of Tel Aviv. Most foreign missions are in Tel Aviv. Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Jaffa location, in a church-owned residence for the Franciscan order, had

been chosen for economic and technical reasons. "This is nothing with a political reason," he said. Previously, the Pope's representative in Jerusalem for an area

known in Vatican parlance as "Jerusalem and Palestine" has held the rank of apostolic delegate, meaning he is accredited to the local Roman Catholic Church, not to any govemment. Vatican diplomats accredited to governments recognized by the

Holy See are known as nuncios. Vatican officials said the new nuncin in Israel would also have the title of anostolic delegate to Jerusa lem and Jurdan, meaning he would maintain access to the existing church residence in Jerusalem.

Mr. Navarro-Valls went out of his way in stress the Vatican's continued commitment to seeking some form of international guarantees for the city's spiritual status.

"It asks that whoever exercises sovereignty, alone or with nthers. must adhere to an internationally guaranteed special statute regard-ing the safekeeping of the highest religious and cultural values found

"The Vatican does not have a formula," he said. "It just wants to ing sovereignty.

The Vatican's concerns reflect a agreement" signed in Jerusalem on

on the Jerusalem issue. Until a few years ago, the Vatican insisted that Jerusalem be run as a separate, internationally superised entity. While that demand has been abandoned, the agreement seemed remarkable for the absence of any Israeli concession

internationally guaranteed, even if only symbolically. Israel took East Jerusalem from Jurdan in the 1967 war and declared the city its "united and eter-

mward the Vatican's desire that the

nal capital" in 1980. Mr. Navarro-Valls seemed indirectly to support Palestinian demands for national sovereigniv, saying he hoped the peace negotiainns would display "respect for the rights that everyone has to live with

dignity, peace and security within one's own homeland." The Vatican has always ac-

state this principle. It is not attack- abs and Israelis were "at the same

table talking peace." For many years, the Vatican's sense among some Vatican officials attitude toward Israel has been that the so-called fundamental conditioned by centuries of Christian-Jewish hostility and by its wor-Thursday falls short of addressing ries that ties with I srael would jeopardize Christian minorities in the all the Vatican's interests in the Arab world, from Syria and Jordan Middle East and has compromised

tn Iraq and Egypt.

Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Vatican had summoned Arab ambassadors last July to discuss its negotiations with Israel and none had

opposed the idea. However, it seemed no coincidence that, on the day it recognized Israel, the Vatican should publicize its hitherto secret negotiations with status of the city's holy sites be Jordan on a similar recognition agreement. Jurdan has a small Christian minority that includes some 50,000 Roman Catholics. Mr. Navarro-Valls said the deal was

> 'almost concluded.' Jordan's Christians have usually enjoyed a sheltered existence under King Hussein and Jordanian law accords them special voting rights so that they are represented in par-

The absence of diplomatic relations with Jordan, reflecting the instability and shifting frontiers around the Inrdan Valley, is an knnwledged Israel's right to exist anomaly in an area where the Vati-within secure boundaries but, as can has diplomatic missions in Mr. Navarro-Valls said, it shied many countries including Iraq and from full recognition until the Ar- Syria.

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occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, questions about Church property in the Holy Land and the status of Jerusalem.

The city holds many of Christianity's most sacred shrines, including those revered in tradinan as the sites of the crucifixion of Jesus, his burial and resurrection. Israel says Jerusalem is its capi-

tal and that there is already free

access to places of worship.

Under the agreement, the two

see the agreement as capping a wave of international acceptance of Israel following the collapse of the Soviet bloc beginning in 1989 and the U.S.-backed Mideasi peace talks since 1991.

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The Vatican pledged to stay out of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but has expressed interest in joining in the multilateral Middle East peace negotiations at a later stage, (AP, Remers)

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mann said.

In a similarly notorious case, two neo-Nazi skinheads were convicted neo-Nazi skinheads were convicted.

Officials mave attempted in the past country for an 18-day visit was returned to Mr. Zhinnovsky, as it has since his election success earlier this month, as "the Russian approval on Thursday in the Ger-Hitler." prison, while the older pair could receive life sentences, Mr. Hof-

year term.
String by criticism that German justice is "blind in the right eye", when it comes to prosecuting far-

bols of Germany's dark past, including certain renderings of the imperial eagle, have been banned. In the latest action to defuse the far right, Bonn on Wednesday refused to issue a visa to the Russian

ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhir-inovsky. Akthough Mr. Zhirinovsky last week passed triefly through Munich, where he met with the leader of an extreme right Bavarian right offenders, federal and state group, his request to re-cater the

man media. Although the newspa per Die Welt warned that "the danger lies in making a martyr out of him and cautioned that German democracy is not so feeble as to require bans against the likes of Mr. Zhirinovsky, the Saddenische Zeitung noted that Bonn had appropriately signaled that such an extremist was not a suitable partner for Germany. ... The mass circulation Bild-Zer-

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similar experience - though the woman can

no longer communicate, remembering only a time of too much love, too much light, noth-

At the end of Verga's novella, Maria dies in

despair, of consumption. While otherwise keeping close to the original, Zeffrelli offers an alternative conclusion: "From the time she goes back to the convent, Maria is dead to

the world, but not physically. Before this she

has found out that she is the only woman that

the boy will ever truly love. In the end, he is

are doomed," Zeffirelli said, "He was attracted

by unhappiness and tragedy, and his endings are always unhappy. But my message is that

love, whether it is consummated or not, lights

up our lives. This message is very tough, but

the dreams of their lives come true."

Although "Sparrow" is a quintessentially
Sicilian and Italian story, most of Zeffirelli's

actors are, as usual, English and American

(many of them, as often in his films, unknown

newcomers).
With oearly 30 opera productions, a score of

plays and 10 films to his credit, Zeffirelli

betrays oo signs of slowing down. Now that

post-production of "Sparrow" is nearly com-

pleted, he plans to direct a stage show in the new year. "After a film I like to go back to the

theater. Then I'll do another film. I like to

switch. The only way to rest, for me, is to get fatigued differently. To get tired differently, in

very comforting for those who could not make

"We know that when we pick up Verga, we

the defeated one, and she the winner."

Jonathon Schaech. in Zeffirelli's new film, "Sparrow," based on a Giovanni Verga novella and shot in Sicily.

By Roderick Conway Morris

OME - Just a few weeks away from his 71st birthday, the indefatigable director, theatrical designer and filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli greeted me in his dressing room at the Teatrn dell'Opera di Roma looking unreasonably youthful and justifiably pleased with the noisily appreciative public reception of his recent production of "Aida."

Amid the chronic uncertainty, empty coffers, staff strikes and low morale that has brought other Italian opera houses to a standstill. Zeffirelli had managed to put on a dazzling show — employing for Verdi's ancient Egyptian epic romance astonishing, trompe-l'oeil sets painted on canvas by Lila De Nobili for his Milan production of 30 years ago.

"By some miracle, thank God," said Zeffir-elli, "they were still in store at La Scala, Our original idea was to paint them in the style current at the time when "Aida" was written. Back then in the early '60s they were thought quite bizarre, but now that this kind of Orien-talist, Gustave Mnreau, fin-de-siècle style has come back into fashion."

After a gap of three years, Zeffirelli is about to launch a new film, "Sparrow," which opens in Italy at the end of January, and will be released on the international circuit in late spring. The film is based on Storia di uoa Capinera," an early novella by Giovanni Verga (1840-1922), and was shot in and around Catania, Verga's hometown.

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"Sparrow" is the tale of a young girl in mid-19th-century Catania whose mother has died and whose father has remarried. At the age of 7, Maria, played by young American actress Angela Marie Betts, has been packed off to a convent by her stepmother, eventually to become a nun. But when she is 19 a

cholera epidemic breaks out.
"Death in Catania," Zelfirelli said, "means life for ber. The government order is to open up all the colleges and convents and send ople away into the countryside because they are dying like flies. And this is how, that summer, the girl is given the opportunity to know what life is about, to see trees, rivers, animals, flowers, all the things she has oever

Maria meets a handsome young boy studying to be a lawyer, who has also been sent out of the city. The girl's stepsister and stepmother have their eye nn him — but he falls in love with the nun-to-be. "He proposes that they run away . . . but she doesn't have the courage — indeed she thinks she is being tempted by Satan."

At the end of the summer the epidemic subsides and they all go back to Catania. The boy marries the stepsister, and Maria returns to the convent to become a nun. Meanwhile, however, she becomes so obsessed with what she has lost that she is brought to the edge of madness. And, in fact, there is already in the convent an old nun (played by Vanessa Redgravel, who has gone mad and is hidden away

"It becomes clear that she, too, bas had a

A Khmer Tradition Lives, in U.S.

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

ONG BEACH, California -Don't be afraid of spirits and chosts," the legendary dance master recently told a darkened auditorium full of refugees from the carnage of Pol Pot's Cambodia. They are all part of our culture."

Above him on the stage, under a thin beam of light, a single dancer in a costume glittering with gold threads performed the ancient gestures of the apsaras, or heavenly dancers, carved into the walls of the temple

of Angkor Wat.

The master, Chbeng Phon, is one of the small number of court dancers and dance teachers who survived the Pol Pot killings in the late 1970s as the Khmer Rouge sought to exterminate the educated class, he said. Those who survived clung to their art, practicing the movements at night under their mosquito nets or hiding their songbooks inside the woven

walls of their hirts.

The dancers on this recent evening were former pupils of Chlong Phon, young per-formers through whom he has med to revive the Khmer art form that embodies much of his country's culture.

people," he said before the performance. Chieng Phon, who still lives in Ponom Penh, has made it his mission to call up the spirits and ghosts of the past, to reconnect the people of Cambodia with their history.

Ignarance is the illness of the Khmer

His visit to the large Cambodian commu mity in Long Beach involved another painful reconnection, with five farmer students who had defected during a tour three years ago. They were some of the best dancers of the new generation in whom Chheng Phon was seeking to rekindle the spirit of those who

These students, along with three others who were in the United States for other reasons, gathered from around the country last week to pay homage to Chheng Phon and to dance together for him one more time.
Before the performance some were in tears as they met with him in the empty auditori-

um at California State University. For the dancers, scattered around the United States now, the evening offered the chance to pause for a moment from a new life and to become again for a moment a heavenly dancer.

In their dressing rooms, the five women and three men transformed themselves in a painstaking, two-hour process, sewing them-selves into layers of rich silks, augmented with strips of Velcro.

"I am very happy today," said Masady Meas, a woman in her mid-20s who is living in Virginia and learning about computers. "I always tell myself one day we will meet together and dance together, and this day is my dream." She and others said that in their distant new homes they continued to perform the stretching exercises that keep them limber for their art. But now, when she bends her long fingers backward toward her wrists, Masady Meas said, "it hurts a little bit."

Chheng Phon, a quietly commanding man in his 60s with a neat gray moustache, said he aimed, with this performance, to remind the refusee andience of the richness of their cultural heritage. "They don't respect them-selves," he said. "They don't see themselves as a nationality. They must be proud again to be Khmer. They must see the glory of their past and get the strength to work again and

contribute to society. His comments to the audience formed a counterpoint to the dazzling performances of his pupils, who danced to the music of a traditional orchestra as if they had never

been far from his guidance.

Bending their supple bodies into the sculptured shapes of Angkor, they tossed flowers toward the audience in the classical liberty bearing the audience of the second from the classical liberty. Blessing Dance and performed a scene from the Hindu epic the Ramayana in which Hanuman the white monkey courts a golden

Tith slow, hypnotic move-ments, female dancers portrayed a struggle between a goddess and a giant who tries to capture her magic jeweled ball, and male dancers representing monkeys and giants leaped in lively battle in an episode of the asked dance-drama Lakhon Khol.

Addressing the refugee audience, Chieng Phon emphasized the distance between these sophisticated dances and the ruin of their society today. "How could a civilization that was so high thousands of years ago have reached such a low point?" he asked.

"Why is it today that nothing we try to do works?" he continued. "It is as if our eyes are

blind and our ears are deaf. We have mouths but we cannot speak. After 20 years of war it seems that I'm stupid and I am unable to add or multiply. I can only subtract and divide."

GUIDE

Shadowlanda Directed by Richard Atten-borough. U.S.

"Shadowlands" is the most soothing film of the boliday season, even though it happens to be about tragic loss. That's because it has been directed, in ripely sentimental fashinn, by Richard Attenborough, an un-commonly reliable filmmaker

on subjects both large and small. Most of Attenborough's subjects ("Gandhi," "Chaplin," "Young Winston") are more grandiose than this one, yet all his films can be counted on for the same bomey predictability. As the autumnal romance that coaxes Anthony Hopkins out of his genteel shell, inviting the audience to join him in a spectacularly good cry. "Shadowlands" has lots ni old-fashioned virtues to recommend it. Here is Hookins giving an amazingly versatile and moving performance. Here is Debra Winger, dying bravely in one more movie yet managing gracefully to avoid maudlin histrionics. Here is Oxford, filmed on a sizable bud-

get, most of which has been

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spent on tweeds. Here is a screenplay in which Hopkins gets to say both "beastly" and "balderdash," though not in the same scene. "Shadowlands" is the unlikely love story of C.S. Lewis, the Irish-born writer and lecturer and the American poet Joy Gresbam, who married Lewis late in both their lives. It was adapted by William Nich-olson from his play. Among the secondary characters are the smug Oxford professors who

learn about love through Lewis,

Richard Holbrooke, the U.S.

ambassador in Bonn, is reading "Dreams and Delusions: The Dra-

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(Michael Kallenbach, IHT)

and philosophical framework.

known as Jack, and the bookloving student who tells Jack, "We read to know we're not alone." That's why we watch wann, weepy movies, too.
(Janet Maslin, NYT)

MadreGilda Directed by Francisco Requeiro. Spain.

This unusual film takes yet another look at Spain under the dictator Francisco Franco, but it avoids the easy route of portray-ing him as a complete villain or

buffoon. Instead, the multilayered allegory takes on a dreamlike sensation in which Franco sheds tears. The film's window dressing of reality, such as the presence of the dictator's feared Moroccan bodygnards, provides a basis for the extended foray into Spain's subconsciousness and an examination of what Franco's rule meant. The setting is in the 1940s as the nation struggles to recover from the civil war. A senior aide-de-camp (José Sacristán) to Franco (Juan Echanove) is obsessed with discovering who ordered Franco's troops to rape his beautiful young wife (Barbara Auer) during the war. A solution to the mystery is triggered by the screening in Madrid of the Hollywood film "Gilda" starring Rita Hayworth, on whom the wife is patterned. We learn of the danger to Franco when postwar Spain makes strides against illiteracy and we see Spain's pent-up hope trying to blossom. The film always reaches for the highest ground, even if it does not deliver in every scene.

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WHOSE WHAT? By Brian G. Tyler

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An Unruly Passion, Psy

chological Perspectives By Werner Muensterberger. Illustrated. 295 pages. \$24.95. Princeton University Press.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WHAT lies at the root of the human passion for collecting, which Werner Mucasterberger, a psychoanalyst, defines as "the selecting, gathering and keeping of objects of subjective value"? In his new book, Muensterberger

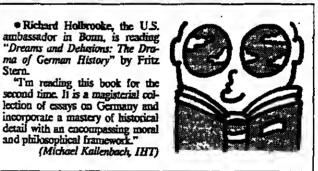
writes pedantically: "Observing elaborates at length on the psychol-collectors, one soon discovers an ogy of collecting, explaining for in-unrelenting need, even bunger, for stance how the "need for authenti-tion of relics: hair, bones, skulls, acquisitions. This ongoing search is cation and approval by experts is a a core element of their personality. It is linked to far deeper roots. It turns out to be a tendency which derives from a not immediately dis-cernible sense memory of depriva-urges and pride." tion or loss or vulnerability and a subsequent longing for substitution, closely allied with moodiness

and depressive leanings." In plainer language: people in-jured by the loss of love in their childhoods spend the rest of their adult lives insatiably pursuing Toby jugs, matchbooks or salt-and-pepper shakers. Often at the cost of human relations.

Such an explanation seems reasonable enough, at least if you are among the shrinking number of people who still believe that childhood events shape adult behavior. So what more can Muensterberger possibly have to say in a volume of nearly 300 pages?

By Alan Truscott

hampionship.



Quite a lot, as it turns out. He reflection of two forces existing within the collector: the desire for self-assertion through ownership He details some of the more ex-

treme forms that the urge to collect has taken, from the man who collexied every form of bell because he had been reared in a Catholic missound of the bells of the little mission church had seemed to provide some source of comfort" to the Marquess of Bath, whose collection Churchilliana included one of

Sir Winston's half-smoked cigars. As well as exploring why people collect. Muensterberger applies what he finds to the history of humankind. Preliterate cultures, fearing death, often saw magical significance in the vital parts of others.

man heads. In the Middle Ages, fingernails, Christ's alleged pre-

The increasing worldliness of the in agreement with certain psycho-Renaissance aroused a passion for antiquity and objects of a scientific nature. In the 17th century, wealthy Dutch burghers amassed art and tulip bulbs. But always, insists the author, the motive was anxiety and the need for self-assur-Most engagingly of all, Muca-

Most engagnery or all, mnen-sterberger draws psychobiographi-cal portraits. They include Sir Thomas Phillipps (1792-1872), who sought to overcome his illegitimate birth by accumulating one copy of every book in the world, be it printed or in manuscript, and Honoré de Balzac, who, the author believes, never got over his mother's emotional coldness to him, and thus collected indiscriminately. Unfortunately, despite all the

minants in the infantile attitude toward feces.' This, I believe, is too confining a point of view." And the urge to collect does not come off as an entirely negative thing. It may be true that a monstrous form of the impulse led to the dismemberment of St. Elizabeth of Thuringia after her death in

get the idea.

1231 at the age of 23. But Muensterberger writes that if collecting is kept within bounds, "il is by no means an unhealthy ego defense." He concludes. "It is a device to tolerate frustration and a way of converting a sense of pas sive irritation, if not anger, into challenge and accomplis

This comes as a relief, since by the book's broad-gauged definition of the impulse it examines, none of us are entirely exempt from the strange urge to collect.

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BRIDGE in three rounds, ending in his hand. He led a low club, and put West to

THE American Contract Bridge League's Fall Nationals ended in Seattle in November. Nick the test. If West had taken his jack he would have held South to 10 tricks, but that play would have run a risk. If East bad begun with K-Q Nickell of Raleigh, North Carolina, Dick Freeman of Atlanta, Jeff Meckstroth of Tampa, Florida, doubleton in clubs the jack play would have squandered a trick and Eric Rodwell of Naperville, Floriestablished dummy's ten. da, and Bob Hamman and Bob So West played low, reckoning that he would break even if South Wolff, both of Dallas, won the Rej-

singer Board-a-Match Team beld the queen. South won with the Championship.

The diagramed deal from the Reisinger, would be trivial at imp scoring. Both teams reached four bearts, which was exactly made by ien, ruffed a spade and cashed the \$1843. club queen. East threw a diamond. but was in trouble when South ruffed his last club. A diamond Hamman and Wolff against Bob discard would have let South play dummy's diamond are and estab-Goldman and Paul Soloway. But lish a trick, so East gave up a spade. when Mark Lair was the declarer after the anction shown be did bet-Now a spade ruff reduced all players to three diamonds, and a

ter, playing against Meckstroth and Rodwell diamond to the jack endplayed The opening spade lead went to East, who had to win and lead from the ace, and East shifted to the club his remaining honor at the 12th king. South won and drew trumps trick. This won the board for Lair

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and his teammates, but their oppo-

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detail that Muensterberger brings develop it satisfactorily. No matter how far or wide he ranges, he always comes back to some increasingly obvious variation of his initial Thus, after describing an outbreak of Black Death in the Netherlands and connecting it to the eruption of tulipomania, he concludes: "It is apparent that the ad-miration for the object not only gives reassurance to the owner. It enhances his self-image. It also provides protection against the insecurities of the past." One begins to Still, the point of "Collecting" is hardly trivial. The theory it pro-

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poses is not nearly as reductive as some As the author concludes, citng Otto Fenichel's "Psychoanalytic Theory of Neurosis": "I am not

analytic propositions according to which 'cupidity and collecting ma-nia have their correlating de-

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Social and Economic Affairs has just compiled its annual year-end collection of Japanes miscellany — figures about everything from eating habits. to economic woes. Nearly every Japanese housefold has color television, but half aren't hooked up to sewer systems. And there are 50,000 restaurants specializing in raw fish. That's a lot of

Fashion and Fetishes: In Bonn, Art of Shoes

By David Galloway

ONN - As prehistoric cave paintings amply document, footgear is one of the first forms of clothing devised by man. Precisely when the shoe ceased to offer simple protection against frost and thoms and peobles and became a modish accessory, however, is a question to which cultural historians and

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e in Arrest Co $2.45 \pm 0.727 \, \mathrm{MHz}$ anthropologists find no ready answer.

It is certain that by the 15th century the fashionable follies of the male sex had reached such extremes that European monarchs felt compelled to intervene. Their tenget was the exaggeratedly pointed shoe, an-cestor to those "winkle-pickers" popularized by the Beatles and revived by parlor punks. Royal edicts restricted the stender, elongated "beak" to a length of 60 centimeters (24 inches) for noblemen, 30 for burghers and 15

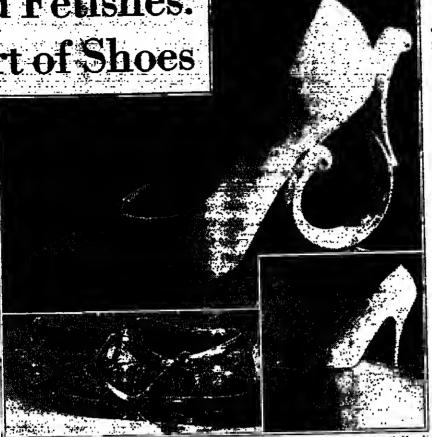
for the common folk.

That fetishism and fashion are kindred spirits is one of the themes that emerges from an ensemble of 1,000 "Abandoned Shoes" at the Landesmuseum in Bonn. Antique shoes join company with creations by celebrated designers, with shoes in painting and sculpture and photography, with shoes worn to dilapidation by contemporary artists, with annulets and boot-shaped cups that point to forgotten totemic rituals.

As the mediator between the body and Mother Earth, the shoe was once regarded as a symbol of fertility and fidelity. Even today, the custom of drinking red wine from the bride's slipper can be encountered in rural communities in Eastern Europe. Tying a pair communities in Eastern Europe. Tying a pair of old shoes to the bumper of a boneymooning couple's car has similar fetishistic sources. "Send me your worn-out dancing shoes." Goethe wrote to his beloved Christiane, "that I may press them against my heart."

As a smart accessory, the shoe had evolved by the 18th century mto the basic founs we have today and a European lady of fashion.

know today, and a European lady of fashion required an average of 360 pairs a year, many of them feathered, beaded or embroidered. Coordinating color and style became considerably easier when the English designer Charles Frederick Worth opened his Parisian. salon in 1857. At the same time, the first massproduced shoes appeared on the market, and manufacturers were quick to adopt the trends set by exclusive houses. But the democratica-tion of footwear hardly dimmed the enthus-asm for extravagant and huxmious craftsman-



From the "Abandoned Shoes" exhibition at the Landesmuseum in Bann.

heel. The sky was now the limit, and the celebrated music-hall star Mistinguett was among the high-flying trendsetters. The heels of her custom-made Perugia creations were so extreme that she could do little more than hobble to the door to greet her guests. Such excesses play a central role in the Bonn show, which is strongest in its presentation of the flipped-out follies of the Swinging Sixthes; bard-shaped and fish-shaped ex-

travaganzas, towering wedgies in neon coloss, tectering pumps conceived to make the miniskirt seem even more mini. HE number of contemporary models on view in Bonn makes the miscent of a fashion fair. The obvious danger is that viewers will be reminded wither of a Red Cross bazaar or a depart-

ment-store display.
The spike lifel fantesics of Allen Jones and Helmin Newton do much to contextualize the asm for extravagant and harmious craftsmaniship. Legendary names like Yanton; Perngia; Ferragamo and Vivier would find secure footholds on the high-fashion ladder.

Though celebrated for a distinutly Force of the photographer sports a pair of openings of sophistication. Ferragamo itself found commercial success in Holly wood, shodding the stars. He also registered in the course of his lifetime no fewer than forgot, a van Gogh is understandable; the opening force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some brogues. That Bonn had to forgot, a van Gogh is understandable; the opening force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some brogues. That Bonn had to forgot, a van Gogh is understandable; the opening force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some brogues. That Bonn had to forgot, a van Gogh is understandable; the opening force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable still lifes of work some force was considered his remarkable.

less than baffling, especially when there is so much second-rate art on view.

And what of the shoe in film? Chaplin's commet spoof in "The Gold Rush," Fred Astaire's wing-tips, the ruby slippers that whick Dorothy to the Land of Oz, the spike heel that Elizabeth Taylor grinds into Laurence Harvey's foot in "Butterfield 8" are all part of modern footlore. Shoe motifs in detective novels and films are an indispensable element of the genre: footprints in the bego-nia bed, upturned shoes revealing the corpse behind the sofa, the gumshoe's own shoes propped on his battered desk.

Many of these themes are evoked, without

illustration, in the catalogue that accompanies
"Abandoned Shoes" and that the curators of the show ambitiously describe as an "anthology." The texts are printed in such small type, however, that the content is virtually indeci-pherable. The prostitutes of ancient Athens understood more about the art of shoe-communication. They inserted nails into the soles of their sandals to imprint a message in the dast. As they moved along, they blazed an unmistakable trail that read: "Follow me." "Abandoned Shoes" is at the Landesmu-

Shoe Museum in Offenbach am Main. David Galloway is an art critic and free-lance curator based in Wuppertal, Germany.

seum until Jan. 31. From March 13 through June 15 it will be at the German Leather and

GIIDE

Vienna closed Saturdays. This new museum focuses on the relationship over the centuries between lews and their sur-roundings in Austria and Europe. To Feb. 13: "The Freudians." Prictographs of the International Conter-ence of Psychoanalysis held in Lu-

ceme in 1934. Kunsti Haus, tel: 712-04-95. daily. Continuing/To Jan. 27: "Joan Miro: Sculptures and Drawings."

BRITAIN

Glasgow
The Burrell Collection, tel (41)
649-7151, daily. Continuing/To
Merch 13: "Degas in Bronze."

London

British Museum, let: (71) 323-8525, daily. To April 10: "The Arts of Hindustim." A survey of Hindu deines and their worship through temple and domestic sculptures, devotional paintings and textiles as well as Indian paintings from Raiput and Pahari Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (73) 439-7438, daily. Continuing/To Jan. 23: "Great Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum." Features 120 drawings from the Italian, Dutch, French, Spanish and German schools.

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The Royal Opere at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1066. Bizet's "Carmen." Conducted by Jethrey Tate, with Denyce Gaves, Neil Shacoff/Richard Margison and Leontina Vaduva. Jan. 21, 24, 27 and 29.

CANADA

Musée des Beaux-Arts de l'On-tario, 1ei: (418) 977-0414, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To March 6: "Seven Florentine Heads: 15th-Century Drawings from the Collection of the Majesty the Queen." Silverpoint drawings by leading draftsmen of the Renaissance including Fra Angelico, Leonardo da Vinci, Domenico Ghitlandaio and Filippo Lippi.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague
Castle Riding School, let: (2) 3337-32-32. To March 27: "Recent and
Contemporary Czech Panting From
the State Galleries' Collections." Focuses on Czech painting from the
1960s up to the present day.

DENMARK Humlehnek

Louislana Museum of Modern Art, tel: (42) 19-07-19, daity. Continu-ing/To March 6: "Claude Monet: Works from 1880 to 1926."

FRANCE Bordeaux

Musée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 5610-15-62, closed Tuesdays. To Jan.
31: "Meubles et Images de Meubles." Renaissance and 17th-century
furniture, as well as photographs of Kunstmuseum, tel: (228) 77-62-60,



Mask by Swedish artist Henrik Allert in Paris show.

interiors in the second half of the 19th

Musée de la Mode, lel: 91-14-92-20. To March 27: "Yves Saint Laurent: Exotismes." Designs, jewels and accessories showing the influence of

Bibliothèque-Musée de l'Opére, tel: 47-42-07-02, carly. Continuing/To Feb 27, "Voyages d'Opera," 19th-century drawings, watercolors and gouaches of costumes and sets for operas that take place in Oriental or avoir settimes.

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Opera Bastifle, tel: 43-43-96-96.
Francesco Cilea's "Adnenne Lecouvreur." Conducted by Maurizio Benini,
with Marella Freni and Giacomo Aragell, Jan. 3, 6, 10, 13 and 15.

closed Mondays. To Jan. 9: "Christo: The Pont-Neuf Wrapped, Pans 1975-85." Drawings, sketches and photo-graphs of Paris's oldest bridge when it was draped in sandstone-colored cloth by Christo in 1985.

IRELAND

Dublin
The Irish Museum of Modern Art, tel: 671-8686, closed Mondays. To Jan. 16: "Max Ernst Sculpture 1934-1974." 40 works in bronze dargetom Ernst's early work with Arp and Giacometti in the 1930s to the end of his working life in 1974.

Ferrara
Teatro Comunale, tel: (532) 20-2675. Mozan's "Le Nozze di Figaro."
Conducted by Claudio Abado, with
Ruggero Raimondi, Cecilia Gasdia,
Sylvia McNair and Lucio Gallo. Jan. 13, 15, 17 and 19.

Palazzo Reale, tel: (2) 87-19-13. To Jan. 30: "Kasımlır Malevich." Fea-tures 60 paintings by the Russian

painter (1878-1935) from the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg.

JAPAN

Kagawa Reoma Hall, tel: (877) 86-55-33. To Feb 28. closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays "The Kingdom of Bhu-lan." Bhuter 1c/k clothes, festival masks and musical instruments used. at Buddhist services and a Kannon statue bearing 11 different faces.

Bunkamura Museum of Art, tel: (3) 3477-9252, daily, To Jan. 23: "Haute Courure 1870-1970." The history of Paris fashion through a display of 150 pieces.

Tolyo Stallon Gallery, tel: (3) 3212-2485, closed Mondays. To Jan. 30 "Balthus." More than 50 orls and drawings by the 85-year old French

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam Stedelijk Museum, 1el. (20) 5732-911, daily. To Jan. 23: "Donald Judd." A selection of the American sculptor's geometrical works Materiats used vary from copper, steel and galvanized iron to wood and plastics.

Madrid Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, 1el: 420-3944, closed Mondays To Jan. 16 "Obras Sobre Papel." 79 draw-

16 Obras Sobre Papel. 79 drawings acquired by Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, including sketches and studies by Renor, watercolors by Cezanne, a series of 10 color trihographs by Toulouse-Lautrec, and collages and pastels.

SWITZERLAND

Theatre Municipal, tel. (21) 312-6433. Offenbach's "La Belle Helene," Directed by Jerome Savary, conducted by Jean-François Monot, with Mane-Ange Todorovitch, Nikola Iyanov and Jacques Sereys Jan. 2, 5. 6. 8 and 9 UNITED STATES

New York
Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 3626000, Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor." Conducted by Nello Santi
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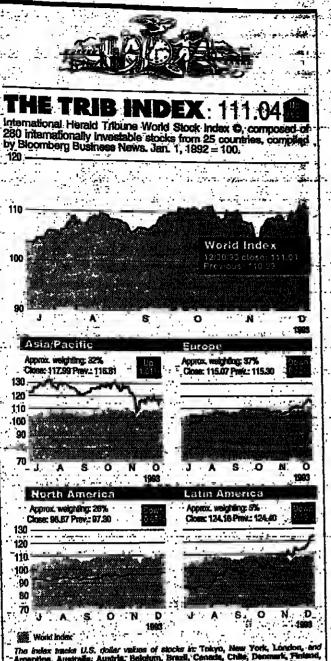
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Shell Sets Plastics Merger

Deal Will Reduce Montedison's Debt

MILAN — Royal Durch/Shell Group and Italy's Montection SpA said Thursday that they would merge major parts of their plastics insinesses, creating an equally owned company with annual sales of about \$2.7 billion.

The new company will be the will be the world's largest producer of polypropylene, a plastic used for car parts.

Montedison, the debt-laden chemical group controlled by Fermazi Finanziaria SpA, will contribute two thirds of the assets, including Delaware-based Himont Inc.

Montedison will receive no cash

but will transfer about \$2 billion of its \$10 billion debt to the new company.

It's positive for Montedison, and Shell is making a good deal," said Lorenzo Colucci, an analyst at Natwest Securities Ltd. in London.

He said Shell was "brying a well-known name just when the recession appears to be ending." Himont was Montedison's largest operating unit and potentially its most profitable, analysts said. Montedison is also selling another polypropylene maker, Moplefan SpA, to the joint venture.

In addition, the companies will merge their polyethylene activities, putting the wenture in the top 10 producers of that plastic. Montedison and Shell began talks

on a merger two years ago, and Montedison said a year ago that it was close to signing an accord.

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No reasons were given for the subsequent delays, but in May Montedisoo and Ferruzzi anhounced that creditor banks had taken over their boards after Ferruzzi's failure to pay interest on part of its debt.

■ Drug Units Sold

Pharmacia AB, a unit of Procor-dia AB, said Thursday that it had acquired the 49 percent of shares it did not already own in two pharma-centical subsidiaries of Montedison for 3.8 billion Swedish kronor (\$459 million million), AFP-Extel News reported from Stockholm.

The New Barbary Coast U.S. Fights Cassette Pirates on Cyprus

By Mark Fineman Los Angeles Times Service

NICOSIA — The tiny shops off Ledra Street in the heart of Nicosia's ancient walled city seemed an unlikely battlefield this week for an American trade war on international piracy.

Unsold inflatable Santas still dangled from out-door sales racks beside postcards of topless sun-worshipers on the beaches of this Mediterranean island, Innocent shawls of Cypriot lace adorned the walls inside, and souvenir ashtrays lined the shelves. But the stores were packed with shoppers, and it wasn't a post-Christmas rush on tourist kitsch. The

target: floor-to-ceiling wall racks almost hidden in the corner. The shoppers had come for "Demohiton Man." "Jurassic Park." "Cliffhanger" and "Aladdin" — high-quality, pirated videocassettes of dozens of recent American films — in a pre-New Year's rush on these and other products of intellectual contraband.

As of New Year's Day, this small country will become an international test case of America's ability to police the pirates — 20th-century thieves of everything from Sylvester Stallone's latest action adventure to Microsoft's latest corporate com-

puter program.

Under a Cypriot law passed after unprecedented pressure from Washington, the Cypriot government promised to crack down on the island's booming trade in pirated video and audio cassettes, computer software, books and a host of other copyrighted material that U.S. trade associations say have violated American intellectualtions say have violated American intellectual-property laws with impunity for years.

At stake in the new copyright law are tens of millions of dollars that those trade associations estimate the handful of Cyprict pirates rob from Hollywood's film industry and other American exporters each year. But the new law also will test the U.S. government's policy of using the threat of trade barriers to protect American business interests abroad.

The threat came in the form of a decision by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor last

Wednesday to suspend duty-free status for several items that Cyprus exports to the United States, unless Cypriot authorities prove they are serious about the law. The legislation passed last June but with a grace period that allowed pirates to maximize their profits before it kicked in. Mr. Kantor's decision marked the first time Washington has taken such stern action against a country engaged in intellectual piracy.

As evidence of the importance the United States attaches to the new law — and the depth of its skepticism — those shops in Nicosia's old city and throughout the island will be filled oext week with undercover U.S. Embassy sleanhs and civilians

It is called an international test case of America's ability to police 20th century thieves of everything from Sylvester Stallone's latest action adventure to Microsoft's latest program.

working for the Washington-based International Intellectual Property Alliance, For weeks to come,

they will scour the island for violators.

Economically, the stakes are not terribly high for Cyprus. They boil down to shotgun shells, village wine and women's blouses, the bulk of the Cypriot export trade to America covered under the Generalized System of Preferences that Mr. Kan-tor revoked for Cyprus last week. The Cypriot duty-free trade covered by the system of preferences totals just \$1.2 million a year.

Rather, U.S. officials said, the threat to treat Cyprus as a trade pariah was meant as a powerful See PIRACY, Page 12

Foreign Firms In China Brace **For Yuan Shift**

BEIJING - Joint-venture and foreign firms in China said on Thursday they would sharply raise local prices to counter a de facto currency devaluation scheduled to take effect Saturday.

The price increases for products based on imported goods reflect sweeping currency and tax reforms that come into effect Saturday, for-

eign venture managers said.

Managers of Beijing's scores of joint-venture hotels called an emergency meeting to share strategies for coping with China's latest steps toward what it calls a "socialist

market economy."

Managers of foreign enterprises swamped hanks with inquiries about the government's plans, announced on Wednesday, to abolish the artificially high official ex-change rate and let the yuan float. The changes have made yuan-denominated Foreign Exchange

Certificates a pariah currency.

The certificates, held mostly by foreigners, can buy hard currency at the official rate of 5.8 yuan to the dollar. They have therefore generally been worth about 50 percent more than ordinary yuan, whose market value at state-sanctioned swap centers has been 8.7 to the

Foreign ventures are obliged to accept the certificates after Jan. until they are formally withdrawn as legal tender. With the changes, bowever, businesses that quote

prices in certificates will have to raise prices sharply after Jan. 1.

Udo Heine, manager of the Pal-ace Hotel, said the combined impact of the currency and tax reforms was foreing him to completely reassess his hotel's bud-get, and were likely to force him to

raise prices sharply.
"Under these reforms, we'd have to raise our yuan prices 75 per-cent," Mr. Heine said.

U.S. and China In Textile Talks

WASHINGTON - U.S. officials, sidestepping talks of year-end trade sanctions, said Thursday that Chinese officials have been iovited to Washington for last-ditch talks to resolve a dispute over Chinese textile exports.

The officials have also said that China has pledged to begin compliance with a 1992 accord to open many of its markets to imports by Dec. 31, and that the United States is awaiting compliance.

Washiogton has accused Beijing of exceeding its textile export quotas by diverting lextiles through third countries.

Housing, Jobs Data Bolster Upbeat U.S. Outlook

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes in the United States jumped 11.3 percent in November to a 7½-year high, the government said Thursday, and claims for unemployment benefits fell, as the country prepared to end 1993 on a note of strong economic recovery.

note of strong economic recovery.

New single-family homes were sold last month at a seasonally adomy unnerved bond traders, who justed annual rate of 807,000, the prefer relatively slow growth and

highest level since April 1986, the Commerce Department said.

In another report, the Labor De-partment said the oumber of Americans filing for unemployment benefits dropped 39,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 291,000, the lowest level in oearly five years.

The signs of strength in the econ-

low inflation for their fixed-income day before Christmas, leaving fewinvestments. The benchmark 30year U.S. Treasury bond tumbled 1

Analysis cautioned that the oumbers were influenced by special factors and said the recovery was bound to slow its pace or to stop for breath soon. The fall in unemploy-ment claims, for instance, could have been due to the fact that most government offices were closed the

er days to file claims.

was golfing Thursday at Hiltoo
Head Islaod, South Caroliog,
greeted the reports as sbowing that
"the American people have taken
cootrol of their economie destiny."
He added: "This shows the results of the state of But President Bill Clinton, who He added: "This shows the results of low interest rates, low infla-

more optimistic about the future." Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bent-sen, meanwhile, predicted that the

In a statement summarizing the achievements of Mr. Clinton's adtion, bringing down the deficit and

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EW YORK — In banking, reputation is everything and no bankings a bettername than LP Morgan & Car That is why the inrmoil this week at Spain's Banco Espain's SA, which Morgan advises and owns a chank of, is causing a stir in the money world.

Banesto came a cropper because of bad loans and because it may have employed "questionable accounting," according to Christian Von Hoffmann, an analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co., a British

The bank was also brought down, according to Wall Street sources, because Baneste had fur-chased as much as 30 percent of its own shares in the open market for more than the company reports its shares are worth. Such buying crodes a bank's capital base and reduces cash available in a

crisis.

According to a source close to Morgan, Spanish regulators rushed to take control of Banesto; after they learned of a Dec. 23 meeting in New York at Morgan headquarters between Morgan executives; and Banesto's now-ousted chairman, Mario Conada Banesto's now-ousted chairman and the conduction of the conduc de. There the parties discussed the possibility of the Spanish bank buying out Morgan's investment.

the Spanish bank buying out Morgan's investment.

"He definitely was in the Morgan offices on the 23d" said the source close to Morgan "We have been told by people" at Morgan "and in Spain that Morgan demanded to be bought out by Banesto. When the Bank of Spain got wind of that, they shut this whole thing down. They wanted to keep Morgan. From getting out. If Banesto bought out Morgan, then the financial risk would have moved to the Spanish unmayer."

to the Spanish taxpayer."

A Morgan spokesman had no con source at Morgan who is informed about the Bansource at Morgan who is informed about the Bansto problem said, "A restructuring plan, was dis-

cussed at the meeting, but no decision was made to

withdraw. Mosgan controls 8.17 percent of Banesto's shares through a \$1 hillion investment partnership called Corsair, named for the yacht of the 19th-century financier John Pierpont Morgan. The Wall Street bank owns 0.26 percent of Banesto itself,

with the rest spread among the other partners.

J.P. Morgan & Co. launched the Corsair partnership early in 1993 as "a unique opportunity to carn attractive returns by investing in the restruc-

Morgan sold the Corsair parnership as a chance to earn attractive returns by investing in the restructuring of the banking industry.'

ming of the banking industry," according to a confidential Morgan document. "The partnership believes it can identify those weakened institutions with strong underlying value." Partnership inter-ests were offered only to wealthy individuals and institutional investors.

Morgan's offering attracted a host of big name investors and companies looking to make a profit, including the billionaire speculator George Soros, the General Electric Co. pension fund and Carlisle

The original notion was that Morgan would spot banks—especially regional U.S. banks—needing Corsnir's money and Morgan's financial advice to get back on their feet and that the investors in Corsair would profit by buying minority owner-

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Banesto Said to Need \$3.5 Billion

MADRID - The troubled Banco Español de Crédito oceds 500 billion pesetas (\$3.5 billion) to put it on sound financial footing, Ecocomy Minister Pedro Solbes said in Congress on Thursday:

Mr. Solbes was explaining the Bank of Spain's decision on Tuesday to fire Banesto's airman, Mario Conde, and his entire board and take control of bank management.

"The inspectors realized that the deterioration in Banworse than had been expected and it needed an urgent rescue plan," Mr. Solbes said. "It needs funds of around 500 bil-

"We had to eliminate a risk to the whole Spanish banking system, said Luis Angel Rojo, vernor of the Bank of Spain. Banesto expanded too fast be-tween 1988 and 1991 and took on too many bad debts, he said. Its loan portfolio grew 109 percent over the period, double the average rate for

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Economic Upturn Scares Bond Market

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks sagged Thursday in sluggish year-end the bond market, which depressed trading after strong economic data the 30-year Treasury bond hy more and fears of inflation knocked than 1½ points. Its yield, which bond prices down and raised inter-

ege fell 18.45 points to close at strong pick-up in economic growth 3,775.88. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

Big Board volume was a light 193.65 million shares, off 75.63 milbon on Wednesday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also fell, by 1.94 to 468.64. But the Nasdaq Combined Composite index bucked the trend, rising 2.60 points to 771.08.

"Today it looks like the early

weakness in bonds spilled over into stocks and that's been the theme so far, said Greg Nie, a technical market analyst at Kemper Securi-

Declining issues outnumbered Traders worried that the growth advances by about 5 to 4 on the might lead to a pick-up of inflation and higher interest rates in 1994.

Among the signs of rapid growth N.Y. Stocks were an unexpectedly strong report New York Stock Exchange. on weekly claims for unemploy-

ment insurance benefits. The Labor Department said the number of oew applicants for jobless benefits fell by 39,000 last week to 291,000. Arrow International Inc. rose 11/2 to 221/2 after the company said firstquarter income rose to 27 cents a share from 22 cents a year ago.

The pullback on Wall Street

came in response to heavy selling in

6.33 percent from 6.24 percent.

Bonds lost ground on signs of a

MCI Communications gained 1½ to 27 after a newspaper report said the company planned to enter the local telephone market. (AP. Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

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ministration, Mr. Bentsen said he would like to see growth and inflation both at 3 percent in 1994.

This should allow interest rates to remain relatively low and reduce further the rate of unemployment." he said.

The gaio in home sales surprised many economists, who were generally expecting an increase of 2 per-

Foreign Exchange

cent to 3 percent. It followed a revised 2.2 percent drop in Octo ber, previously reported as a 6.5 percent decline. Sales had soared 15.4 percent in September.

The Western states accounted for the bulk of the advance. Sales in that region jumped 33.8 percent to a seasooally adjusted annual rate of 273,000, the highest level since Marcb 1979.

David Seiders, an economist for the National Association of Home Builders, said that although the housing market clearly was strong, he could not explain the surge in the West, which includes the soft Southern California market.

"We know that some parts of the Western region are doing nicely," be said. "But I worry this is one of those cases where the Commerce

Department's sampling methods are kind of thin." Robert Dederick, chief economist at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said of the home-sales jump:
"This is a number that is not likely
to be sustained. But let's enjoy it."

But at an underlying level, economists said home sales were part of a fourth-quarter revival of consumer activity that they expect to result

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in the strongest growth of the year. Builders are stepping up construc-tion, they said, and buyers are purchasing furniture and appliances to

put in their homes. The advances in home sales came as boyers rushed to take advantage of low mortgage rates - partly out of fear that the low rates would disappear as the economy heated up. The everage rate on 30-year mortgages edged up from a 25-year low of 6.83 percent in October to 7.16 percent in November. (AP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

■ Dollar Extends Its Gains The dollar was higher in thin trading, adding to the gains it made Wednesday against the Deutsche mark and other major currencies, news agencies reported from New

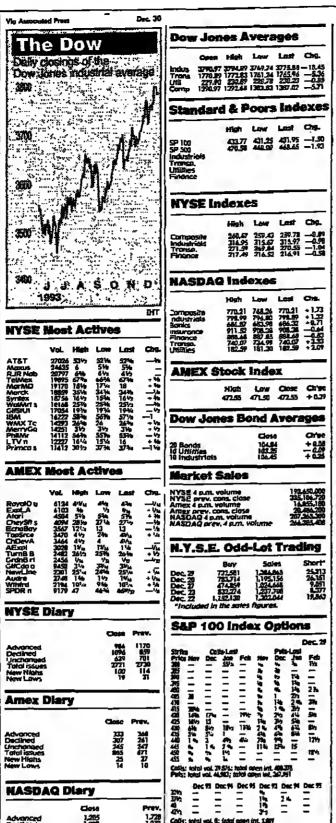
John McCarthy, chief dealer at ING Bank, said the dollar had reached a high in New York of 1.7370 DM as the bond market fell, raising interest rates and making dollar-denominated investments more attractive.

Analysts pointed out that the lack of liquidity in the market be-cause of the year-eod holidays cies' movements, however.

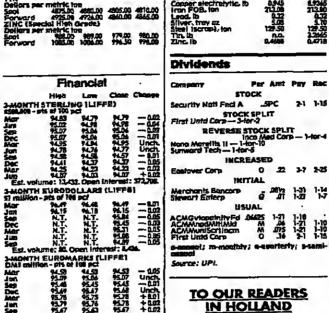
At the close, the dollar was quoted at 1.7355 Deutsche marks, up from 1.7275 DM at Wednesday's close. It also edged up to 111.825 yen from 111.750.

Against other currencies, the dollar gained to 1.4815 Swiss francs from 1.4665 francs and to 5.893 French francs from 5.8655. The pound was marginally lower, at \$1,4762, compared with \$1,4770.

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NEW YORK (AFP) — Argentina has paid \$1.2 billion in debt interest arrears, while Brazil paid \$160 million, Vice Chairman William Rhodes of Citibank said Thursday.

Mr. Rhodes said that Brazil's payment amounted to about 10 percent of the interest due between Jan. 1, 1992 and July 8, 1992. Argentina stout deht is \$65 billion, while Brazil's total debt is \$120 billion.

Salomon Trader Settles With SEC

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Thomas F. Murphy, former Salomon Brothers Inc. head government bond trader, agreed to pay \$300,000 to settle a Securities & Exchange Commission lawsuit regarding his involvement in a 1901 Tomassion annual according to court documents. ment in a 1991 Treasury auction scandal, according to court documents.

He neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing.

Mr. Murphy was co-defendant with his boss, Paul Mozer, head of the Salomon government-bond trading desk, in a suit which alleged that they submitted false bids at government-bond auctions between August 1989 and May 1991 so that Salomon could exceed the amount of bonds it was

Mr. Murphy was not criminally charged, while Mr. Mozer pleaded guilty to two felony counts. On Dec. 14, Mr. Mozer was sentenced to four months in prison for submitting two false bids 81 a February 1991 Treasury bond auction.

MCI May Cut Long-Distance Charges

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — MCI Communications Corp. the
No. 2 long-distance provider in the United States, may announce a plan next week that could reduce the billions of dollars it pays local phone companies to complete long-distance calls.

We are always interested in reducing the access charges that we pay to the Reil control of the country of the reducing the access charges that we pay to

the Bell operating companies," said Bernie Goodrich, a spokesman for MCL "We will be making some announcements next week, not specifically on this subject, but it would probably include it." He was not more specific.

specific.

MCI currently pays more than \$5 billion annually in access charges, equivalent to about 45 percent of its total revenues.

Revived Pan Am Ready for Takeoff

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Cobb Partners and Flying Cloud Associates said Thursday they have formed Pan American World Airways Inc., promising to return Pan Am to a "position of world leadership and

The revived airline will be lead by Chairman and Chief Executive Charles Cobb Jr., who led Cobb Partners to a winning bid for the company trademarks and other assets several weeks ago at a bankruptcy auction in New York. Mr. Cobb was undersecretary of commerce during the Reagan administration, ambassador to Iceland and a Walt Disney Co. director.

For the Record

Chevron Corp. announced three oil discoveries which were made recently in the North Sea, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea. It said the finds were the result of a new strategy to increase international explora-(Knight-Ridder)

tion and production.

The Travelers Inc., the company created by the merger of Primerica Corp. and The Travelers Corp., will debut on the New York Stock Exchange Monday under the symbol TRV. On Tuesday Eastman Chemical Co., which was spun off from Eastman Kodak Co., will be listed under the create Endly. the symbol EMN.

Zale Corp., the largest U.S. jewelry retailer, named Larry Pollock, president and chief executive officer of Kartens Jewelers, as its new (AP)

president and chief operating officer.

SuperMac Technology Inc., a developer of graphics peripherals mainly for Apple Macintosh computers, said it would take a \$3 million charge to lay off about 15 percent of its staff.

(Bloomberg)

Procter & Gamble Co. acquired control of Compagnia Quimica SA of Argentina, which makes cleaning products and insecticides, from Bunge and save. Just call today: y Born SA for an undisclosed price.

tended to exaggerated the curren-cies' movements, however. DAX Ends Year With a Bang

FRANKFURT - The Frankfurt stock market ended 1993 trading with a flourish on Thursday, bringing its rise over the year to 47 percent. The 30-share DAX index rose 51.98 points to close at 2,266.68, with traders hoping that investment funds would drive the market even higher

London and Paris, which have both risen to record highs recently, both

retreated a little.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading British shares ended 33.2 points lower at 3,428.8. In Paris, the CAC-40 share index finished down 0.67 at 2.281.22.

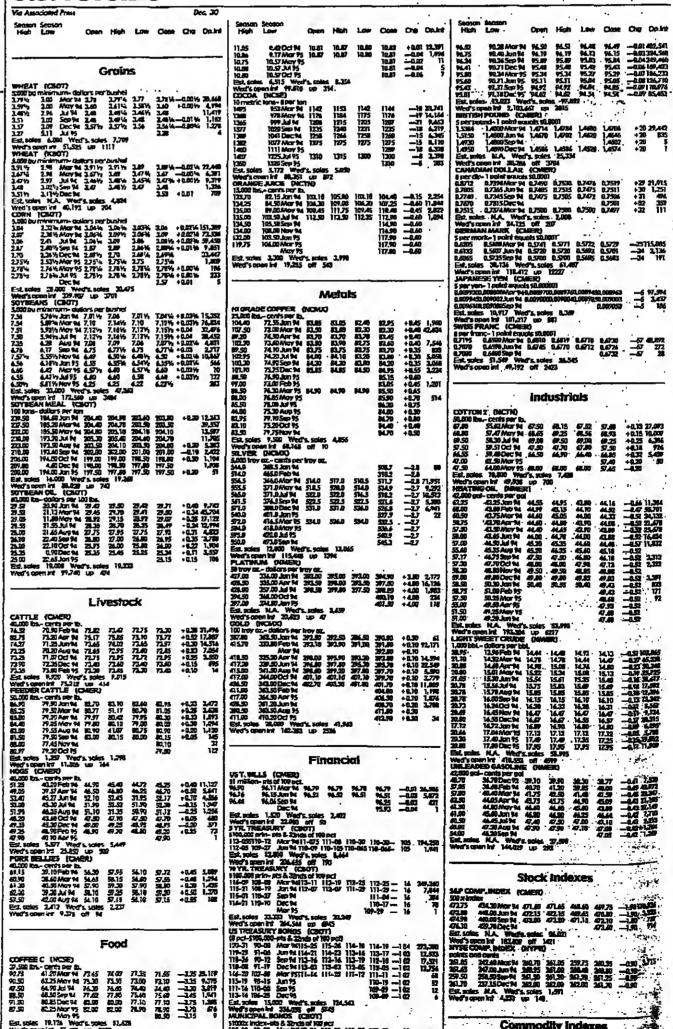
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ROME - Italy, which has experienced decades of rapid price rises, amounced on Thursday the lowest annual inflation rate in 24 years.

Official data showed inflation averaged 4.2 percent in 1993, below the government's forecast of 4.5 percent and sharply down from 5.4 percent in 1992. It was the lowest rate since the 2.8 percent annual increase recorded in 1969.

BAe Sells Unit In Netherlands

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches LONDON — British Aero-space PLC said Thursday it had sold a Dutch construction unit, Ballast Nedam BV, for £175 million (\$261 million).

The buyers included Hochtief AG, a German construction company, and Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV, a Dutch banking concern.

BAe said the proceeds would be used to reduce its debt, which stood at £721 milhion as of June 30, up from £257 million a year earlier.

Ballast Nedam said some of its shares would be floated on the Amsterdam exchange in the spring. (Reuters, AFX)

even lower. The cost of living rose by only 4 percent in Decem putting Italy only a notch behind Germany on the price front.

Next year's average inflation target has been set at 3.5 percent but on Tuesday, Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said it was realistic to expect the rate to fall to 25

percent by December 1994.

A severe recession helped control inflation, but the final figure is all the more surprising in view of the 30 percent fall in the value of the hra against most currencies.

This pushed up the cost of imports. A landmark cost-of-labor accord reached in July abolished decades of automatic salary increases and this put a damper on prices. "It was one of the changes in recent months that have attacked the very root causes of Italy's endemic inflation," said an economist at the hank Credito Italiano.

The agreement will bear its fruits for several more years by limiting pay increases to official inflation targets and establishing a firm link between wages and productivity.

Other changes in the Italian economy are likely to make sure consumer prices do not spiral upwards. The spread of supermarket chains after decades in which they played only a marginal role is also forcing traditional corner stores to keep prices low to stay in business.

British Coal's Anticlimax Privatization Set, but Little Left to Sell

LONDON --- Britain's oncemighty "King Coal" is up for

sale next year. But with its market eroded by less expensive imported coal, natural gas and nuclear power, the sale of state-owned British Coal will hardly be the "ultimate privatization" that the govern-

ment once promised. Now, the government says it has no idea what the future holds for the industry that powered Britain's industrial revolution.

"I don't pretend to say what it will be in three, five or 10 years," Industry Minister Michael Heseitine, who introduced the legislation to privatize the industry. said. The market will be the

The industry has shrunk in the past year to 22 mines and 15,000 workers from 50 mines and 50,000 workers — a far cry from the 1920s, when 1.2 million miners toiled in more than 1,000 col-

A storm of public anger greet-ed government plans in late 1991 to shut 31 of the 50 coal mines then in operation and throw 30,000 miners out of work as it whipped British Coal into shape for privatization.

Protest marches, newspaper editorials and a revolt within the governing Conservative Party persuaded the government to give 12 of the condemned mines a reprieve for "market testing."

But eight of them have since northeastern England and Scotclosed, and with unsold coal contiming to pile up, the others are But unlike previous privatiza-

this sale is not expected to raise

Some trace the industry's de-

cline to the privatization of Brit-

ain's energy sector that was di-

rected by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the gov-

ernment's decision to rely on

market forces in setting energy

The move freed the big elec-

tricity-generating companies that had been British Coal's big-

gest customers to shop else-where, and they turned abroad

for lower-priced coal supplies.

Critics say that Britain, which has half of Western Europe's

coal supplies, is wasting a valu-

able resource and jeopardizing

its long-term energy security by

relying increasingly on foreign

The National Union of Mine

Workers also has accused the

sovernment of running down the

industry as a political vendetta

against the union, still headed by

Arthur Scargill, who led a year-long strike in 1984-85.

But some say the strike exacer

Morgan's stock fell \$1 to \$69.625

that the entire \$162 million Corsair

remained in place and the bank was

"hopeful that we will continue to

play an advisory role with the Bank

In addition, a monetary source

expected to shut down as well. nons, which added billions of pounds to the Treasury's coffers. The total number of operating mines could dwindle to 10 by the anything, because of clean-up li-abilities that the government will time of the sell-off, expected in mid-1994, energy specialists say. And the industry's long-term assume for the mines. outlook is even more bleak.

"I don't see any British coal inclustry worth talking of in 10 or 15 years," Steve Thomas of the

'I don't see any British coal industry worth talking of in 10 or 15 years.

Steve Thomas, Sussex University

science policy research unit at Sussex University said. The time left for the coal industry is the time it will take to exhaust easily recoverable reserves in existing

And this time, the public's re-sponse to the industry's fate has been one of indifference.

Plans call for British Coal to hated the industry's problems by be sold to private operators in five regional packages covering the Midlands, Yorkshire, Wales, raising doubts about the reliability of coal as an energy source.

Kohl Sees More Cuts In Budget

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BONN - Chanceller Heimut Kohl sees a need for additional spending cuts to make Germany more compensive. "In 1993 we made a number of

important and unpopular decisions to secure the future." Mr. Kohl said in his annual New Year's speech. the text of which was distributed on Thursday. "But nevertheless securing the future forces us to make more cuis.

Disappointed with higher taxes. falling income and fading job security, voters have given the Bonn coalition poor marks in polls ahead of next year's marathon stretch of 19 local, state, national and European Parliament elections.

The government is busy trying to persuade voters that its program of belt-tightening is the only way to improve the economy and strengthen industry in the long term.

Recept economic data show that output, factory orders and business confidence in Western Germany are rising.

Mr. Kohl in a strong appeal for national unity, urged Germans oot to despair as the ranks of the unem-

ployed swell to record highs. "We have to solve the problems that he ahead," he said, "What we need is courage and realism, initia-

Finance Minister Theo Waigel said he would resist any attempts to reverse social weifare cuts in next year's federal budget.

tive and confidence.

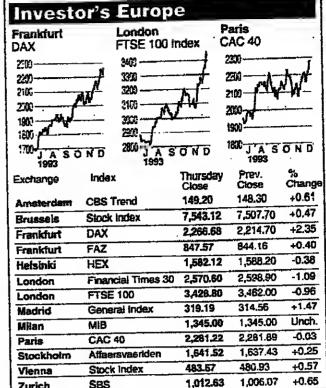
BANESTO: It Needs \$3.5 Billion BANK:

Continued from Page 9 ship positions in these banks on the

in New York after news reports

and so far only investment, in large part because by the time the fund was ready to go in January 1993, U.S. bank stocks had already rallied from depressed price levels.

of Spain in setting Banesto on a course to improved health." "Corsair will have the full resources of Morgan available to it. in Madrid said the Bank of Spain's says the confidential document commitment to Banesto's continuused to woo potential investors to ity means it is highly unlikely the Corsair. "All major policies of the bank's share value will be wiped parmership including investment decisions will be reviewed and approved by Morgan's corporate office, the senior policy-making body comprised of Morgan's chairman, president and three vice chairmen.



Very briefly:

• France's unemployment rate held steady at 12 percent in November from October but was up 10.7 percent from a year ago.

 Générale des Eaux SA is poised to buy a 10 perceot stake io Canal Satellite, a satellite and cable oetwork owned by Canal Plus SA, said a Générale des Eaux spokesman.

• Electrolinx AB of Sweden said it had decided to exercise an option to acquire a further 10 percent stake in AEG Hausgerate AG, bringing its total share in the unit to 20 percent. Electrolius said it had been offered the chance to buy all shares in AEG Hausgeräte by AEG AG on Dec. 8. • EIS Group PLC, a British engineering company, said it had bought the Plenty group, which designs and makes fluid-handling gear, from the food company Booker PLC for £11.2 million (\$16.7 million).

• The Dutch central bank will trim its rate on special advances to 5.6 percent from 5.7 percent, a spokesman said,

Portugal said it has sold the shipping line Soponata back to its former owners, the Mello family, for 7.9 billion escudos (\$45 million).

 The Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association said that productioo at nine Japanese car plants in Europe jumped 48 percent in 1993, to 534,000 vehicles.

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Banesto became Corsair's first. Russia Curbs Dollar Shopping

The Associated Press

Russian stores will stop accepting what bas become the currency of choice - the U.S. dollar.

The hard currency ban was orwhich has told stores to accept only rubles or credit cards, something

few Russians have. Many stores, especially those that sell imported merchandise, now accept dollars. Deutsche marks and other foreign currencies.

Many refuse rubles.

MOSCOW -- As of Jan. 1, most Natalia Khomenko, said national pride was ooe of the main motives for the bank's order.

Inflation has sharply eroded the value of the ruble since prices were dered by Russia's central bank, freed after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. The ruble, which was at one time officially worth more than the dollar, is now quoted at 1,250 to the U.S. unit.

Ms. Khomenko said stores are still allowed to fix prices in foreign currencies, and credit card transactions can be in hard currency.

With New Year, a Trade Giant

BRUSSELS - At the stroke of midnight Friday, the world's largest trading bloc - the European Economic Area — will be born, linking the 12-nation European Community and five of its neighbors.

The new bloc will be larger than the North Ameri-

can Free Trade Agreement —consisting of the United States, Canada and Mexico —in terms of population, trade volume and gross domestic product of its member countries. It extends the ECs single market to Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Under the agreement, nationals of any of the 17 nations will have the right to seek work in any of the other countries. Businesses also will have the right of The accord takes in five of the seven members of the

European Free Trade Association, and four of them-

ing for full membership in the EC. One other member, Liechtenstein, may seek to join soon. The remaining EFTA country, Switzerland, voted

n a referendum not to seek membership. The Swiss instead are seeking bilateral trading accords with the

The four prospective EC members have expressed hope they will be about to join the Community a year from now. But EC officials have said their Jan. 1, 1995, target date for EC membership could prove too ambi tious a goal. Difficult negotiations are expected in early 1994 for all four applicants, and they will need to get their electorates' support for membership in refer-

The advent of the EEA will mean more competition in areas such as public contracts, banking and insur-ance, several industrialists said.

But they said the accord was limited in that it did not extend to agriculture and did not remove border Austria, Norway, Sweden and Finland - are negotiat- controls between the countries.

Austria, in particular, complains that some of its products will continue to receive less favorable treatment than those from Eastern Europe.

\$400 million convertible bond issue A Deal Goes Sour Continued from Page 9 for which no date has been set.

staff and splashed on marketing to

enhance its image.

Mr. Rojo said that by the end of 1992 it was clear Banesto was in serious trouble but Mr. Conde had investment was at risk. But Morgan drawn up a rescue plan which included selling its Banco de Madrid subsidiary to Deutsche Bank and embarking on the biggest capital expansion in Spanish banking his-

It was moving in the right direction," Mr. Rojo said.
Banesto succeeded in raising 95

billion pesetas this August with a two part rights issue, a chunk of which was taken up by J.P. Morgan & Co., Banesto's financial advisor, and Morgan's Corsair investment

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Mr. Rojo said Banesto did not need any emergency credit lines, but the bank had been causing li-But Banesto ran into difficulty quidity problems in the interbank

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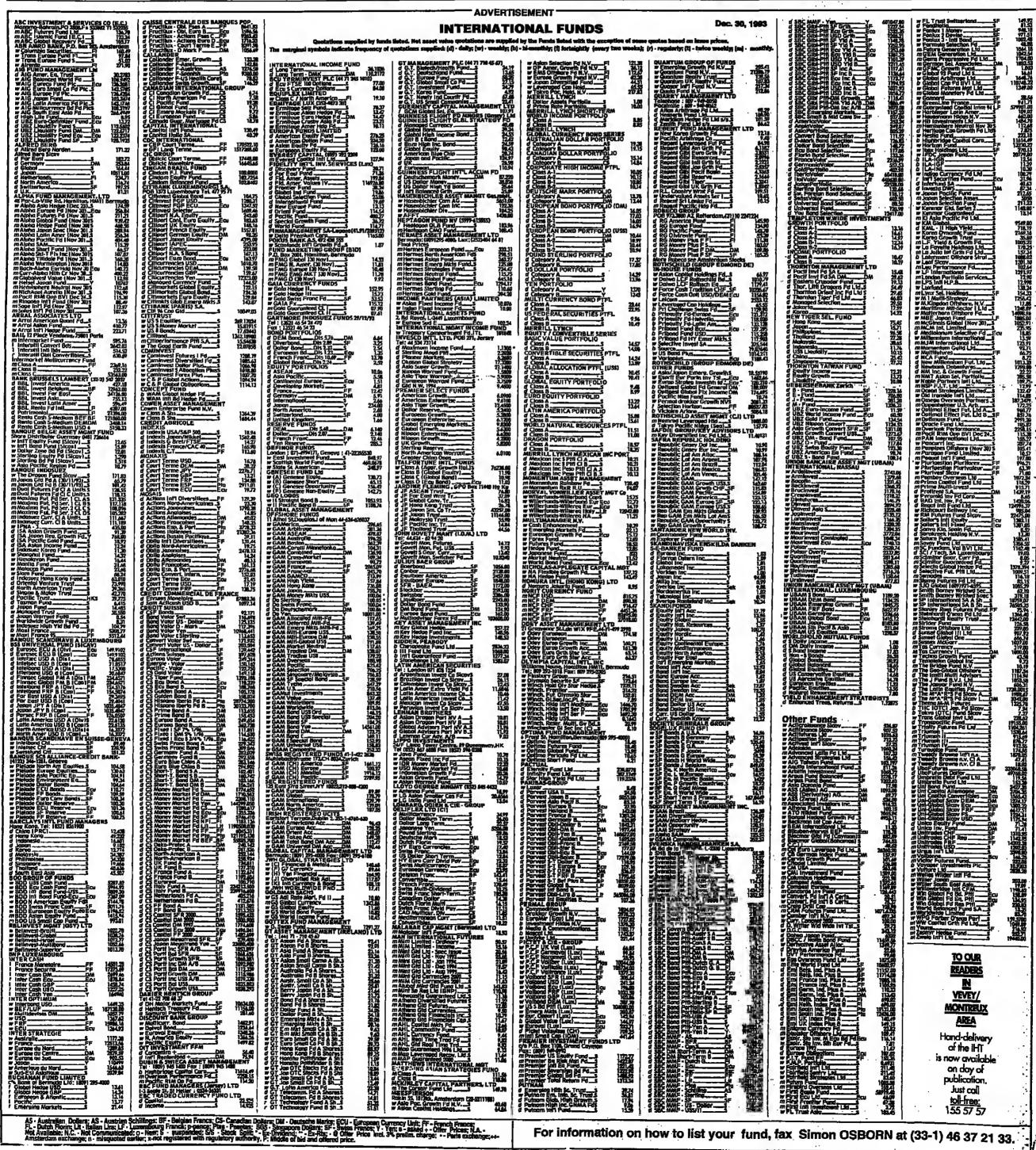
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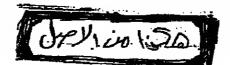
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BANGALORE, India - Staring at his computer, his thumb drumming on his desk, Mohan Kumar typed characters onto a screen to produce bits of the program for a global satellite telephone system being built by Motorola Inc.

"India has a lot of talented engineers, but they aren't always doing the most advanced work," Mr. Kumer said. "Here we are on the cutting edge."

Since the late 1970s, multinational companies, led by American computer makers, have been coming to India for its well-trained but relatively low-paid compoter engineers. At Motorola, for instance, a midlevel engineer makes \$800 a month, a small fraction of what the position would pay in the United States, Europe or

Tapan.

But in recent years, the number of such operations has grown tremendously, and they have begun to produce state-of-the art work, including components hand-held satellite telephone system, known as Iridium.

The system was conceived and designed in the United States, but Motorola officials say that in the last couple of years they have started to make some of

its most advanced components in India. With the growth of computer technology and soft- major Indian export.

ware development in India, Bangalore, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Bombay, has become the hub of India's Silicon Valley, home to more than 100 computer software companies and hardware industries - and perhaps tens of thousands of com-

Only the United States and possibly Russia have more software engineers than India.

It used to be that the fastest thing around Bangalore was the racetrack — and even there, the horses ran more slowly than their counterparts in Europe or America. But a decade ago, India built up its own space program with Bangalore as its center, and the city edged away from its somnolent roots.

Now, with the growth of the computer industry, the city has a professional middle class with broad aspirasons and talents. A pub culture, with people roaming from bar to bar in the evenings, has emerged here and nowhere else in India.

The best hotels in India are in Bangalore, all with the most advanced services for business professionals. And despite this, the racetrack with its not-so-fast horses is still here.

Computer manufacturing is still a tiny industry in India, compared with the faster-growing economies elsewhere in Asia. But software is rapidly becoming a

the United States, including those producing mobile that effort is Motoroia's two-year-oid software operaradios, the longer-distance cordless telephone systems uon in Bangalore. being introduced in Hong Kong and Britain, cellular telephones and the still-gestating Iridium system.

Fight years ago, Indian software companies exported a mere \$24 million in such programming. For 1993, an Indian trade group estimates that software products exported by both home-grown and foreign ventures based in India will surpass \$350 million, growing 55 percent from 1992.

We have a tremendous cost and quality advantage n India," said Dewang Mehta, executive director of the National Association of Software and Services Companies, the major trade group in the country referring to the lower Indian wage scale and the skill of

the work force. "We have a very high amount of trainable manpower, all English-speaking," he said. "This is really a sunrise industry in this country. Everybody is getting

Much of the work done in India is rated as routine, even mediocre programming. John C. Dvorak, a col-umnist for PC Magazine, recently wrote, "I've yet to see any decent code come out of India."

But executives say that many companies are begin-

All the engineering done for Motorola in India is uning to do work that rivals or exceeds that done in the contracted for by units of the company, principally in United States. Europe or Asia. Among the leaders in

The communications company, which has sites across the globe, has obtained the highest rating for its team under criteria established by the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie-Meilon University in

No other Motorola plant has managed to obtain an equivalent rating, and around the world only a handful of organizations have attained this standard.

From the outset, Motorola adopted a cautious approach toward India, compared with other computer and software companies.

"We wanted to set up in Asia," said Terence M.S. Heng, director of external technology planning for the company, who was in Bangalore recently. "There's no question that, when one looked at India, one is struck

by the very, very great excess of graduates."

But despite India's reputation for cheap software engineering. Motorola's management insists that lower costs alone did not justify setting up in India.
The products at Bangalore are "high-level software"

that drives Motorola's systems, William V. Braun. senior vice president and director of research and

Bangkok SET Composite Stock Manila Jakarta New Zealand NZSE-40 **China Worries** NAFTA Will Very briefly:

The Associated Press

BELIING - China on Thursday criticized the North American Free Trade Agreement as protectionist and a threat to Chinese commerce

with the United States. The comments, made by an unidentified trade official and carried by the state-run news agency Xinhua, reflect China's growing concern about future access to its largest overseas market. The United

States estimates its trade deficit with China as \$20 hillion this year. While acknowledging NAFTA should help expand world trade, the Chinese official was paraphrased as

saving that some of its provisions "smack of trade protectionism." stitutions, including the country's sole Islamic bank, Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd., offer Islamic banking co's similar position as far as cheap "China will possibly face a loss of exports to the U.S. due to Mexi-

labor and export composition is concerned," Xinhua said, The report also expressed concern

that Mexico would become more competitive for investment in advanced technology, management and capital. This will threaten China's role in the North American

Freeze It Out

 South Korea said GEC-Alsthom was still the top candidate to build its high-speed rail link between Seoul and Pusan, dismissing news reports that the French-British concern might lose out to a German competitor.

 India's central bank accepted the resignations of two officials who were severely criticized in a report oo the country's 50 billion rupee (\$1.61 billion] securities scandal: the resignation of the finance minister, who was mildly criticized in the report, has not been accepted or rejected.

IBM Singapore said it would cut jobs. The International Business Machines Corp. unit declined to provide figures or other details, but the Business Times quoted industry sources as expecting a reduction of 5 percent to 15 percent to the 720-person work force,

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Foreign Firms Brave H.K. Political Upsets

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The survey said 60.3 percent of respondents believe the political climate has worsened in the past year as Britain and China bickered over the colony's democratic future. Only 5 percent of companies with regional headquarters or offices in Hong Kong thought it had

But the director-general of indiestry, Denise Yue, said political problems ranked low in foreign invisions concerns. She said the number of foreign companies with regional operations in Hong Kong that grown 9 percent, to 1,468, since

the Jast government survey a year Concern is one thing but their actions speak louder. They don't structure, banking and financial faseem to be discouraged by the political climate," she said.

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TAIWAN: Plan to End China Shipping Ban Makes Waves in Hong Kong

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than doubled this year. U.S. companies have the most regional bases in Hong Kong, fol-lowed by Japan and Britain. China has come from nowhere to fourth

Other concerns among foreign companies with regional operations in Hong Kong-include the rising cost of labor and accommo-dation. Altogether 66.5 percent said labor costs had increased and 70.2 percent cited office and fac-

Factors that were ranked satis-

Jakarta Tightens Its Belt President Suharto urged state-owned companies

JAKARTA — Anticipating lower state income from oil sales, President Suharto ordered government agencies Thursday to limit spending and take care in foreign borrowing next fiscal year.

At a year-end cabinet meeting, President Suharto said the government should accept only low-interest foreign loans and should limit use of export credits to avoid trade balance problems in the coming years, the information minister, Har-

moko, reported. The president said officials should limit travels abroad, and the government will not provide funds for new buildings for government agencies in the fiscal year starting in April.

to sell some of their shares to foreign investors to strengthen their capital structure.

Indonesia is expecting lower income from oil and gas because of lower prices, and Mr. Suharto called for steps to boost exports of other products to help make up for the decline.

Oil and gas remain Indonesia's economic main stay. They accounted for more than 40 percent of the country's export earnings last year.

The information minister said economic growth this year has exceeded the annual target figure of 5 percent for the current five-year plan ending in March. He did not specify this year's figure.

Malaysia Sets Up Islamic Money Market (\$18,726), similar to that in the con-

will launch an Islamic money market based on the profit-sharing

concept on Monday, a central bank official said Thursday. Nor Mohamed Yakcop, an adviser at Bank Negara, said the interest-free money market was the final phase in the establishment of a complete Islamic banking system,

running parallel to the convention-The Islamic money market will

cal and security pressure on us. Taiwan would not consider opening direct transportation links," the council's vice chairman. Kao Koong-lian, was quoted as saying in a China News report Thursday.

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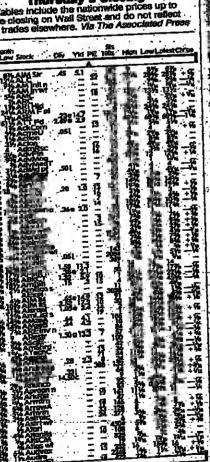
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Connecticut Hits a Bump On Its Hawaii Trip: Ohio

The Associated Press

The way No. 14 Connecticut had been playing, the trip to Hawaii the week after Christmas was supposed to be simple: win three games, accept the Big Island Invitational championship trophy and head back for the rigors of the Big East.

The Huskies had cruised to eight victories to open the season, the latest a 40-point opening-round victory over Texas-Arlington in the tournament at Hilo. On Wednesday night, they ran into a problem they had not faced all season: playing catch up.

Ohio University took command early and then made the free throws down the stretch to hand the Huskies an 85-76 semifinal loss. Said Connecticut's coach, Jim Calhoun: "Just like you can't simulate our press, you can't simulate somebody getting ahead on you and say, 'Come on, let's make up points.' Obviously, I don't think we did a good job of that. We tried to catch them down the stretch. We fouled them, but they hit the shots. They stood up to us."

The Bobcats (7-3) made 17 of 21 foul shots in the final 2:13. the crowning touch after a night of mixing up defenses that frustrated Connecticut, which trailed the whole game after a tie at 2. Gary Trent scored 11 of his 19

points in the first eight minutes as the Bobcats took a 20-8 lead on the way to leading 42-28 at halftime. Geno Ford had 22 points to lead the Bobcats, while Donyell Marshall, who had a career-high 33

second half. "We were able to handle their pressure and stop Connecticut's transition game," said Ohio's coach, Larry Hunter. "Our guards played well and our bench responded when we got into foul trouble. It was an overall team victory."

No. 4 Temple 63, Fairleigh Dickinson 51: The Owls (5-1) took third place in the ECAC Holiday Festival in New York behind Aaron McKie's 18 points and 17 each

COLLEGE BASKETBALL from Eddie Jones and Rick Brun-

son. Tanner Robinson had 14 points to lead the Knights (4-4). No. 6 Kansas 73, Rhode Island 60: In Kansas City, the Jayhawks (12-1) dominated the backboards and overcome 28 turnovers to advance to the championship game of the Golden Harvest Classic against Southern Methodist. Richard Scott had 17 points and Greg Ostertag pulled down a career-high 13 re-bounds. Kyle Ivey-Jones led the Rams (3-2) with 22 points. No. 9 Massachusetts 94, Mary-land 80: Lou Roe scored 30 points

and Mike Williams had careerhighs of 25 points and 10 assists as the Minutemen (9-1) stopped the Terrapins (7-2) to win the Hall of Fame Classic in Springfield, Mas-

No. 11 Louisville 83, Florida 68: Dwayne Morton had 22 points as the Cardinals (7-1) stopped a late rally by Florida (8-2) and advanced to the championship game of the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. within 77-74 with two seconds left Florida was down 16 but rallied on a 3-pointer, were led by Doug within 65-57 with 2:47 left on Craig Muse's 20 points. points Tuesday night, had 22. He scored six points in an 8-0 run that brought the Huskies within 55-49,

the closest they would get in the Brown's 3-pointer. The Cardinals made four of their next six free throws and the Gators never got closer than 10 the rest of the way.

No. 15 Georgia Tech 71, St. John's 69: The Yellow Jackets (9-1) benefited from what appeared to be a bad call to beat the Redmen (7-3), who had won five straight, and win the ECAC Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden. With the score 69-69, Georgia Tech called a timeout with 26 seconds left on the game clock and 22 on the 35-second shot clock. Travis Best dribbled out the time and found Ivano Newbill for a layup that appeared to be late, but it was the game's final points with 3.6

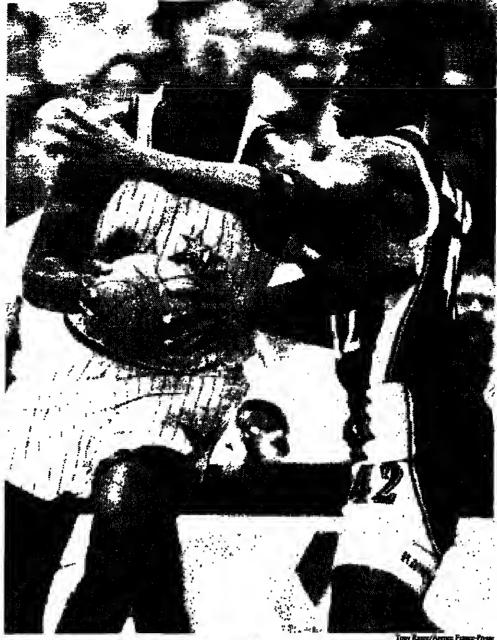
No. 17 Wisconsin 103, Grambling St. 83: Freshman center Ra-shard Griffith had 20 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Badgers (8-0), who blew away from a 55-47 lead with a 19-4 run. Dan Avery had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the visiting Tigers (4-5). No. 19 Syracuse 85, Colgate 74:

victory over the Red Raiders (4-5). No. 20 Oklahoma St. 79, Cal Santa Barbara 74: Randy Ruther-ford had 15 of his 17 points in the second half when the Cowboys (8-4) broke from a 27-27 halftime tie the consolation round of the Rainbow Classic, Oklahoma State center Bryant Reeves continued to struggle with 10 points, giving him

14 in the two tournament games.

The Gauchos (3-6), who closed

The Orangemen (8-1) went on a 17-0 run for a 69-42 lead in the home



Shaquille O'Neal plowed past Atlanta's Kevin Willis, but was later ejected for disputing a call.

Sonics and Lakers Spice Up Slow

The Associated Press

The Seattle SuperSonics were rolling along toward a 22d victory in 25 games in lackluster fashion. How about a brawl to liven

things up? The Los Angeles Lakers, whose 99-92 loss was their 10th in 12 games and lifth straight at home, cut a 12-point deficit to 75-72 late in the third quarter Wednesday. Then a couple of blocked shots

increased the emotional temperatures of both teams, and on the

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Lakers' oext possession, Ricky Pierce committed a flagrant foul against Sedale Threatt with 10 seconds left in the period.

Pierce stood over Threatt and glared at the Lakers' guard as he during the ensuing melec. Christie, Peeler and Pierce were

ejected with technical fouls. "It got emotional, and I think that helped us," said Seattle's coach, George Karl. "It was a dull game and one of those slow and sloppy games, which I think always the lesser team."

The scuffle took on added diics. Threatt spent three seasons with them before he was traded to the Lakers, and Christie was Seattle's No. I pick in the 1992 draft and was traded to Los Angeles af-

ter failing to agree on a contract.

Bulls 94, Nets 86: Chicago won its 10th consecutive game and the first minth straight at home as B. J. Arm-period.

strong scored 25 points and Toni Kukoc hit 11 of his 16 in the fourth quarter against New Jersey.
The Bulls took the lead for good

in the fourth period when Kukoc hit a 3-pointer followed by two consecutive baskets for a 78-73 lead. Jazz 110, Celtics 107: Utah biew

a 19-point lead to Boston, then dominated the overtime period to hand the Celtics their seventh straight loss overall and ninth in a row on the road.

The Jazz took the lead for good in the first minute of overtime on a layup by Tom Chambers, and they held the Celtics without a field goal

for the first four minutes. Boston rallied from a six-point deficit in the last minute, but Douglas was short on a 3-point

attempt in the final second. Hawks 92, Magic 90: Kevin Willis missed 13 of his first 15 shots. was on his back, prompting the Lakers' forward Dong Christic to grab Pierce by the jersey. Both benches emptied and Anthony Peeler tumbled over the press table won at Orlando.

Shaquile O'Neal was not in the middle to defend against Willis after being ejected in the third quarter for arguing an official's call.

Willis, who finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds, gave the Hawks a 90-88 advantage with a short book shot with 58 seconds remaining. Donald Royal's two free throws tied it with 21 seconds mension because Threatt and left before Willis scored again, Christie both have ties to the Son-making it 92-90. Dennis Scott's 3point attempt to win the game bounced off the rim.

Kings 103, Bollets 97: Sacramento, down by 16 points in the third quarter, won for the second time in 13 road games this season by hold-ing Washington to one basket in the first seven minutes of the final

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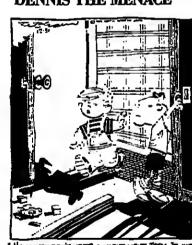
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Holtz Gives a History Lesson

Eyeing No. 1, Irish Coach Turns the Tables on '89 Vote

By Johnette Howard Washington Past Service
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ber game against Florida State, Coach Lou Holtz said that even if his 1993 Fighting Irish team had only one loss, he wasn't sure the voters would pick Notre Dame as the national champion.

bowls, Holtz looks prophetic. Four teams remain in the authing for the national title: Florida State, Nebras-ka, West Virginia and Notre Dame. Based on the results of polls ar the end of the regular season, the Isish would most likely ascend to a national title only if a three-part chain of events happens on Satur-day: Top-ranked Florida State would have to tie with secondranked Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, third-ranked West Virginia must lose to Florida in the Sugar Bowl and Notre Dame must beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. - But even then, the hish could be edged out for the final No. 1 rank-ing by FSU — a team that Notre

Dame beat, 3f-24, on Nov. 13. Perhaps because he's still feeling the sting of the lash for the remarks he made on New Year's Day 1990, Holtz said: "I'm not campaigning

Four seasons ago, Holtz was re-builed for campaigning for his 1989 frish team to be voted nationalchampion ahead of Miami, despite Misson's 27-10 victory over visiting Notre Dame in that year's regular-season finale for both teams.

Holtz said that because Notre to head," said Holtz "Well, I don't Dame and Miami each finished the see a lot of difference in the scenarseason with one loss, Notre Dame in then and now." scason with one loss. Note lame should have with the national fifte because it defeated unbeater Colorado—then No. I—in the Orange Bowl and the Irish had played a tougher schedule than Miami.

"Perhaps the toughest schedule ever," Hottz recalls. "We Ested nine bowl teams."

nine bowl teams." me bowl teams."

Holtz argued then — as Florida State essentially is doing now

> 'I don't have anything against Florida State. They have a great

team. I just want this to be a --democratic vote.

Lou Heltz, Notre Dame coach

of Notre Dame's season should. "If Nebraska should win its have mattered more than one loss, bowl, Nebraska should be No. 1." dispute about it. When we played them, we won 21-6."

Still, the media skewered Hoitz.
What many, many reporters wrote was Notre Dame had played the toughest schedule, but late in the year they lost to Minmi head-

Indeed, Notre Dame's case for the 1993 national championship is what Miam's argument was in 1989: If this year's unbeatens — Nebraska and West Virginia —both lose, an 11-1 Notre Dame deserves the No. 1 ranking ahead of Florida State because Notre Dame handed the Seminoles their only loss.

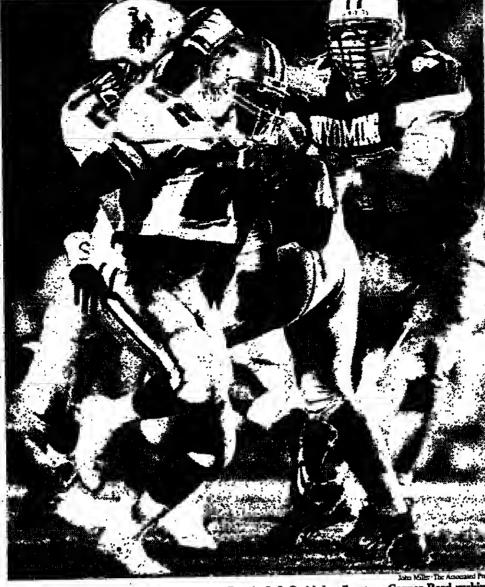
Although the Seminoles now argue that their Notre Dame loss came down to the last play of the game, Notre Dame counters that its 41-39 loss to Boston College came on a last-second field goal.

Arguing that FSU's bowl result against No. 1 Nebraska should override all else rubs Notre Dame the wrong way, too. Among the gang of three contenders that could have faced Nebraska, Irish supporters think Florida State was least deserving — because of the head-to-head loss at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, unlike West Virgima, can also point to a helish 1993 schedule that featured six bowl teams, the same as FSU.

Tor his by what I'm about to say, "We played in the Kickoff Classial Holtz." If West Virginia wins, said Holtz. "If West Virginia wins, then they'd have a great case for No. 1. And after that, look, I don't have anything against Florida was 11-0, everybody's No. 1, no dispute about it When we are dispute about it When we want this to be a demonstration of the control rather than a communistic vote."

-"And by communistic," he added with a laugh, "I mean I would hope there will be more than one name listed on the ballot when ev-



BOWL RECORD AND ROUT — Kaosas State's J. J. Smith heading to a Copper Bowl rushing record of 133 yards against Wyoming, which the Wildcats routed, 52-17, for their first bowl victory.

Small Sloop, Ninety Seven, Wins in Sydney

Compiled b. Our Staff From Duparenes board and survived six hours in the SYDNEY - The small Sydney sloop Ninety Seven survived mountainous seas and mast-snapping 70knot gales to win the Sydney-totake line honors in 40 years.

The 14.3-meter (47-foot) Ninety Seven took four days, 54 minutes. ll seconds to cover the 630 miles (1.020 kilometers) in one of the toughest races in the event's 49-year history.

After pounding into southerly headwinds for almost the entire race. Ninety Seven crossed the finish line in the Derwent River under a hlue and white spinnaker.

"We raced to win and when the wind came up a bit heavy we slowed down a little," said the owner and skipper, Andrew Strachan. "It was a good race, not hard, although we had breezes up to 70 knots one night," he said.

should with a little caution when the wind came up to that strength and we survived very well with the only damage being to the headboard of the mainsail," he added.

The 12.2-meter Cuckoos Nest. steered by Australia's winning America's Cup tactician, Hugh Trehane, finished second, two hours behind Ninety Seven.

Wild Thing is expected to take third, but a group including Sword of Orion, Hartz Mineral Waters, Liberator and pocket maxi Bobsled are battling for fourth and fifth.

The fierce winds and huge 11meter seas savaged the fleet, sinking two boats and forcing 67 of the 105 yachts to retire with hroken gear or damaged hulls.

Race officials estimated the damage bill for yacht owners at close to 3 million Australian dollars (\$2 million).

One skipper was washed over-

wild seas before being rescued The veteran ocean racer Syd Fi-

scher, who was forced to retire his boat. Ragamussin, after it started Hobart yacht race on Thursday to delaminate, said the conditions and become the smallest boat to take line honors in 40 years.

were worse than those he had endured in the 1979 Fastnet race in Britain, in which 15 sailors died.

"It was pretty wild out there." Fischer said Thursday, "In the Fasinet race we had a 40-foot wave crash over us. But this time the waves were just as big and they were more persistent."
Strachan defended race organiz-

ers for not calling off the race in the face of media criticism after a skipper was swept overboard.
"We are here to sail and enjoy it

and this is part of the challenge," he said. "This is an ocean race, it is conducted by a cluh that is very experienced, and the person that made that statement really has rocks in their head,"

They should go judge tennis or "It was a good event, we were dancing, not judge ocean racing," well prepared and we sailed it as we Strachan added.

As Ninety Seven crossed the line. the 11.6-meter Wang issued a distress call saying it was likely to lose

its keel and was taking water.
The race director, Greg Halls, said two yachis were standing by to pick up the crew, while the official race vessel was heading for the

yacht to tow her to safety.
Ninety Seven, a 33-to-1 outsider and in her debut in a long ocean race, is the smallest yacht to win line honors since the 11.8-meter Solveig in 1953. The 1993 race was also one of the slowest in 20 years.

Ninety Seven arrived far behind the race record held by the American Jim Kilroy, who took Kialoa II to Hobart in two days, 14 hours, 36 minutes in 1975. Kilroy was helped hy trailing winds averaging 20 knots. Ninety Seven's time was the

slowest since Apollo's four days, 2 hours, 23 minutes, 24 seconds (Reuters, AP)

For Title-Seeking No. 3 West Virginia, Unbeaten's the Word "But it's the defense that can be dominating," said Miami's defense that can be dominating," said Miami's defense that can be wee bit less effective. Sauerbrun fans for the Miami game nine was two punts short of the qualifying mark. November game in nine years. It was not so good that Miami and games later.

That was eight weeks ago, according to the Giants, an eternity ago. In their locker room on Wednesday, there was a different attitude. There was anger, from being bypassed by Pro Bowl voters (no Giants defenders

The Giants say this is a different team emotionally and physically, and, they insist, the Giants won't get blown out this time.

"Reports have it we shouldn't show up Sunday because they have all those Pro Bowlers and we don't," said Collins, with a sly smile.

The Giants lost to Dallas at Texas Stadium on Nov. 7, 31-9, in what

was their worst performance of the year. Since that day, the Giants have

gone 6-1 and have never really come close to playing the kind of game they did against the Cowboys. In fact, they say that this is the game they have been building toward since that game. This is their season.

"This is the game of all games," said defensive end Keith Hamilton.

"We've been looking forward to playing them again because last time we

It was Collins who was perhaps the most vocal Giant on Wednesday, since it was Collins who felt the biggest snub. He basically lost out to Chicago's Donnell Woolford, a fifth-year player. Woolford has 101 tackles, 22 pass deflections and 2 interceptions. Collins' statistics: 62 tackles, 17 pass deflections and 4 interceptions (one returned for a touchdown), as well as a quarterback sack.

Collins said that this was his best season since 1990, and that season he didn't make the Pro Bowl either. He hinted that maybe the sunb is because players and coaches from other teams — as well as the local news

media — don't like him. Three Giants made the Pro Bowl, all from the offense. They were Phil Simms, center Bart Oates and offensive lineman

tumbo Elliott, who has missed five of the last six games with a back injury

Collins spoke briefly about going against Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin. Collins hinted that it is Aikman who makes Irvin a good receiver.

"What makes Irvin a good receiver?" Collins said. "Troy Aikman. He gets the ball to him."

But when Alkman came back, big difference."

Collins will be granding livin on Sunday. This should be interesting

Later Collins said: "When Troy was out hurt, Irvin didn't do too much.

By Ken Denlinger

Vashinetan Post Service WASHINGTON — If an attorwere presenting the case for West Virginia to be named the best

would get to make. Coming off 47, 6-5 and 5-4-2 seasons. Coach Don Nehlen was feeling some heat from fans, who thought the ream should not have dropped so dramatically after playing for the national championship in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl. ranked in the presenson. And even

SIDELINES

Redskins Reject Arbitrator's Order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskips are rejecting an arbitrator's finding that their players are obligated to pay union dues or face suspension from Friday's National Pootball League game between the Redskins (4-11) and the Minnesota Vikings (8-7).

Thirty-five players on the Redskins' roster have refused to pay the \$5,000 animal dues, saying they disagreed with several provisions of the contract signed this year by NFL club owners and the players' union.

A state judge in Virginia, Thomas Home, said Thurisday that he would mile faces in the day on a suit by tight end Tetry Orr seeking a court order forbidding any suspensions before the game Friday. The Vikings can lock up a playoff berth with a victory. Several Redskin players—including no a playoff berth with a victory. Several Redskin players—including no a playoff berth with a victory. Several Redskin players—including the players—and Monk, defensive ends Charles Mann and Al Noga, and limebacker Carl Banks—said Wednesday that they would forfeit their last paycheck and sit out the game rather than pay.

Phillies Give Dykstra \$27.5 Million

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ontfielder Lenny Dykstra, who led the National League in at-bats, runs, but and walks last season, signed a five

year, \$27.5 million contract on Thuisday that will keep him with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Philadelphia Phillies.

The contract includes his \$2.6 million deal for 1994, plus a signing bonus and various award bonuses. It runs through 1998 and includes an option year for 1999. Dykstra, 30, hit 1948, with four honers and eight option year for 1999. Dykstra, 30, hit 1948, with four honers and eight RBIs, during the Phillies World Series loss to the Teronto Blue Jays this RBIs, during the Phillies World Series loss to the Teronto Blue Jays this

year. He was runner up to San Francisco's Barry Bonds as the National League's most valuable player.

glitch ascent made for one of the neatest stories of the season, it still is hard to get a clear read on West Virginia as the No. 3 Mountaineers prepare to face Florida in the Sugar

west Virginia to be named the bear college football team in the country, the argument to the jury would begin in a respectfully moderate voice. We re unbeaten. The attempt would person again, "We re imbeated." We re unbeaten. "We re imbeated it is a strongly would person again, "We re imbeated." We re unbeaten. "We re imbeated it is a strongly would person mation, the attorney would person mation, and the a

extensive andible system," said "We didn't play well for some reason, and Dallas, of course, was a big Boston College's defensive coordinator, Steve Szabo.

"We didn't play well for some reason, and Dallas, of course, was a big part of that," said the team's coach, Dan Reeves. "They took no prisoners. They tried to kill us all. That's the way a championship team

Appropriately for a team whose does it." virtues were unknown for so long, it was a member of the always. anonymous offensive line, tackle The Mountaineers were .m. Rich Braham, who made the all-, America team.

ville. "And the printer beat us, kept us in a hole all night." Indeed, Todd Sauerbron's sea-

were selected), and some cockiness.

but made it anyway.

come in 11 games?

How far have the Mountaineers

The schedule worked for and against the Mountaineers. It was helpful that their home schedule included bowl-bound Virginia Tech, well-regarded Louisville and

the season, because voters in the media and coaches polls had become comfortable with the idea that unbeaten Nebraska and oncebeaten Florida State were superior.

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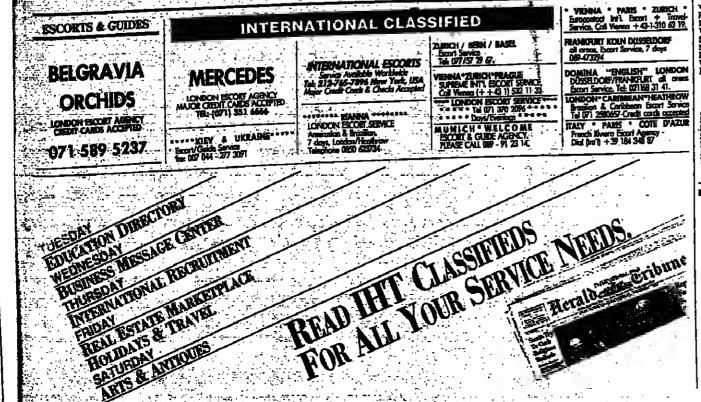
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Look Back in Humor: 1993 as Told by Dave Barry

1: President-elect William Jefferson Rodham Kennedy Clinton, preparing for the task of being the most powerful human on Earth after 4,000 straight months on the campaign trail, sits down with his top aides and a complete set of the World Book Encyclopedia to learn about all these foreign countries.

3: Depressed Outgoing President Bush goes to Russia to see if they have any historic nuclear documents for him to sign.

13: The nomination of Zoë Baird, Clinton's choice for attorney general, appears to be in trouble following reports that she is an illegal alien. 20: The Clinton Inauguration goes off without a hitch, except that Depressed Outgoing President Bush shows up in his bathrobe.
23: Zoe Baird is forced to withdraw her name

from nomination following a tense 18-hour standoff with agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

FEBRUARY

6: In another setback for the new administration, President Clinton's second choice for attorney general, Kimba Wood, is forced to withdraw from consideration after The Washington Post reports that she failed to pay the federal tax on people who are named after lionesses.

9: President Clinton announces that he is sending troops "into this blue-colored country next to this pink-colored country here."

15: After a frantic search, President Clinton

picks Janet Reno to be his attorney general, citing her "tremendous height."

26: In a tragedy that shocks the nation, a massive bomb blast rocks the World Trade Center, just two days after the World Trade Center bombing episode of "Beavis and Butt-head."

MARCH

1: In Florida, an 11-year-old girl sues for the right to leave her parents and live with her grandparents.
4: In Ohio, a 15-year-old boy sues for the right to leave his parents and live with Michelle Pfeiffer. 10: In Los Angeles, attorneys in the Rodney King assault trial present expert witnesses who state that the officers were influenced by the mo-torist-beating episode of "Beavis and Butt-head."

11: In his first major foreign-policy address, President Clinton announces that he has located Somalia on the map and decided that our mission will be to feed starving people and capture the evil fugitive warlord General Mohammed Farrah Aidid.

14: Mia Farrow, through her lawyer, presents documents linking Woody Allen to the World Trade Center bombing.

15: In Waco, Texas, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempt to drive Branch Davidian cult members from their compound by using a powerful sound system to play a recording of Vice President Al Gore explaining ozone depletion. Cult members attempt to wave the white flag of surrender, but fall asleep before they can get to the window.

19: Federal anthorities, concerned about the



safety of Branch Davidian children under the control of apocalyptic suicidal paranoid loons, devel-op a seemingly flawless plan: ATTACK THE COMPOUND WITH ARMORED VEHICLES. Everybody is shocked when the violent paranoid

loons do not respond well to this. 30: True Item: In an effort to raise money to restore fire-damaged Windsor Palace, Oncen Elizabeth II decides to allow the public to tour Buck-ingham Palace for an admission charge.

3: Oueen Elizabeth II decides to rent Prince Charles out for weddings and bar mitzvahs.
6: True Item: Just-released government documents reveal that Walt Disney was an informant

7: Just-released government documents reveal that from 1948 through 1951 Donald Duck was a member of the Communist Party.

13: In Somalia, U.S. troops are thwarted in their effort to capture warlord General Mohammed Farrah Aidid because he has shrewdly registered.

under a false name "Fugitive General John Smith" at the Mogadishu Hilton.

8: Fighting in Bosnia halts as soldiers on both sides line up to see "Jurassic Park." 15; Canada elects a new prime minister, fueling

speculation that people live up there. 17: True Item: A consumer in Seattle reports finding a hypodermic syringe in a can of Diet Pepsi.

JULY

A consumer in Detroit reports finding a switchblade knife in a can of Diet Pepsi.
 In a major breakthrough, Japanese trade negotialors, after two years of stiff resistance,

agree to order an American pizza. 13: Massive flooding strikes the Midwest, only days after the massive-flooding episode on "Beavis

25: The Food and Drug Administration announces a ban on products that contain ingredients.

3: A consumer in Baton Ronge reports finding a machete in a can of Diet Popsi.

14: After weeks of intense debate, Congress

passes, and President Clinton signs, a historic budget agreement under which everybody's taxes will be jacked up retroactive to Jan. 1, 1973, and the federal deficit will absolutely, positively, with no loopholes, be reduced as soon as the polar ice

28: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Tokyo because of what a spokesperson describes as "a

SEPTEMBER

1: A consumer in Boston reports finding an AK-47 assault rifle in a can of Diet Pepsi. In a move strongly opposed by the National Rifle Association, the California legislature passes a law requiring a five-day "cooling-off" period on purchases of Diet Pepsi. 13: In a White House treaty-signing ceremony watched around the world, the Mideast conflict finally comes to an end as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, encouraged by President Clinton, engage in a historic handshake. Conflict resumes immediately when Rabin discovers that Arafat is wearing a "joy

18: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Zurich because of what a spokesperson describes as "the

2: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in London because of what a spokesperson describes as "post-

3: As tension mounts between the Russian parhament and President Boris Yeltsin, President Clinton, in what will later be viewed as a strategic error, sends officials of the Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Firearms over to help out.

6: True Item: President Clinton announces that he wants to get the United States out of Somalia and is therefore sending 2,000 more troops there.

10: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Barcelong because of what a spokesperson describes as

"a 14-foot tapeworm." 27: Wildfires rage through Southern California only hours after the broadcast of the wildfire episode of "Beavis and Butt-head."

NOVEMBER.

1: Ross Perot claims NAFTA will permit "giant Mexican squirrels" to cross the border and hite

9: In a live televised debate over NAFTA, Ross Perot, in what is widely viewed as a tactical error, bites Al Gore on the ankle.

22: On the 30th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's death, a Los Angeles jury views the Zapruder film and concludes that the shooting was a suicide.

DECEMBER .

1: A consumer in Orlando reports finding the Ark of the Covenant in a can of Diet Pepsi. 6: An alarming new study shows that 14 percent of Americans do not speak English, and the vast

majority of them write computer manuals. 10: In an indicator of the tough anti-crime move sweeping the nation, New Jersey approves the death penalty for talking during movies. 18: A sheepish President Clinton annu

that be finally got around to actually READING the NAFTA agreement, and it turns out that Mexico now has 124 seats in the U.S. Senate. 27: The Senate votes to give Texas back to Mexico. There is surprisingly little public opposi-

31: In a development that deeply disturbs the international community, the Chicago Tribune reports that the Chinese have agreed to sell nuclear weapons to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. We do not wish to create panic, but this news comes only hours before the scheduled broadcast of the end-of-the-world episode of "Beavis and Butt-head." It's best not to think about it.

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Britain's Honors List

make the list of Britain's great and Hall of Fame. The 21st annual adgood less class-ridden. Prime Minister John Major invited Britons to "Blown' in the Wind," Manie submit the names of people whose Smith and Her Jazz Hounds' "Cragood works might have been overzy Blues," Kurt Weill's "The Threelooked by official selectors. Among penny Opera" and the album
the ordinary Britons honored as a "Miles Ahead" by Miles Davis. the ordinary Britons honored as a Member of the British Empire were a London bus conductor and the manager of a seaside hotel where Major stayed this year. Among the famous being honored; the actor Derek Jacobi became a knight bachelor, the singer Shirley Bassey became a Commander of the British Empire as did the designer Paul Smith, and the actor Donald Pleasance was awarded the Order of the British Empire, Reliecca Stephens, the first British woman to climb Mount Everest, became an MRE.

Yves Soint Laurent wasn't having any trouble pulling his new perfume Champagne off the shelves of France by unidnight Thursday. Major department stores and perfume must pay taxes on it, but the t shops say they've been sold out since can prohibit any development our last week. Last October a Paris court ruled that the fashion designer could not use the name Champagne for his latest scent because it "undermined" the reputation of the sparkling wine, and an appeals court upheld the ruling. "You could actually follow ruling. "You could actually follow police chief. "He was always meant the legal battle by watching the sales to be a temporary host," said David charts," said Philippe Charoing, Hall, programming director of KFI-head buyer for the chain Shop 8. AM. "It's the end of the year and it "People wanted to own the bottle that was going to disappear." The transition like this." Gates began at perfume will still be sold under the the station in 1992 after retiring bename Champagne outside France.

The Duchess of York is in Anstralia with her two daughters. Prin-cess Bestrice and Princess Engenie, to attend the wedding of her sister. Jane Makin. She will marry Rainer Laedecke, an Australian marketing

consultant Gérard Depardieu will bost the 19th César awards, France's equivalent of the Oscars, in February. Wine produced from Depardieu's own vineyard will be served at the banquet afterward at Fouquet's

The National Academy of Re-cording Arts and Sciences has add-

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

restaurant on the Champs-Elysées.

A handful of "ordinary" people ed the Beach Boys "Good Vibra-made it into the New Year honors itons" and Tony Beznett's "I Left on Friday under a new system to My Heart in San Francisco" to its

Shirley MacLaine is selling a piece of mountaintop after criticism over her plans to build a house there. MacLaine's plan for her land atop Atalaya Mountain in New Mexico caught the attention of her neighbor. former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, who accused her of trying to

become "queen of the mountain."

Meanwhile, Harrison Ford is handing over all the benefits, but none of the headaches, of nearly 400 acres along the Snake River to the Jackson Hole Land Trust in Wyoming. The actor and his wife, the screenwriter Melissa Mathison, de nated a conservation easement the trust. They still own the land ?

. 🗆 Daryl Gates is leaving the :waves, but his retirement as a tal-show host is much more amicable just seems like a good time for a transition like this." Gates began at cause of criticism over his leadership of the police during riots that year.

. The artist Jeff Koons, the estranged husband of Cicciolina, a porn star and former member of Italy's parliament, is caring for their 13-month-old son but denies kidnapping him. The artist has filed for divorce in New York and is seeking custody of the boy, whom he brought back from Rome on Christmas Eve. His wife (real name: Ilona Staller) says Koons kidnapped the child from her home in Rome.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather. | Total | Tota **North America**

The bitter cold will ease from Washington to Boston this weekend, but there will be a few rain and snow showers. Snow its passible from

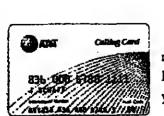
Asia Beijing will have tranquil weather this weekend. Another blast of cold at will

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Kitzbuhel	35	80	Good			28/12	Good skiing all areas
Sanibach	50						All this open, some ky petch
Schladming		TΩ					Lipper stopes excellent
SLAnton	40	200	Good	Feli	Visit	29/12	Good skiing, valluge open
France							
Alpe d'Huez	110	210	Good	Good	VM	26/12	All sectors open, good skilling
Les Arcs	80	255	Good	Good	Ver	26/12	Excellent skilling most plates
Avoriez	130	160	Good	Good			Most Iffic and links open, great t
Chamonix	120	340	Good	Fall	Good	28/12	Powder still evallable at to los
Counchevel	115	205	Good	Good	Var	26/12	Excellent skiling all levels
Les Deux Alpas	70	300	Good	Good	Ver	29/12	Very good conditions
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luçia 1							When sun, good skiing
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Cournayeur	30	200	Good	Char	Yar	24/12	Good stoling, most lifts open
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Aspen							All litts open, good skiing
Killington							All 19 lifts open
Mammoth			Good				Most lifts open, good skiing
Park City			Good		V	26/12	Good skiling on well packed snow
Steemboost							All but one lift open, pwdr condits
Tolluride		26					Fresh powder, great skiing
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Winter Park	113	123	Good	Good	Pwdr	29/12	All titls open, very good skiing

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